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KODIAK/ALEUTIANS FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 25, 1999  
Port Lions Community Hall  
Port Lions, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark E. Olsen, Chairman  
Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Vice Chair  
Alfred B. Cratty, Jr.  
Paul Gundersen  
Della Trumble  
Pete M. Squartsoff  
Ivan D. Lukin  
Regional Coordinator, Cliff Edenshaw  
Court Reporter, Salena A. Hile

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record - 8:35 a.m.)

MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll call the Kodiak Island Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting to order. We're in Port Lions, Alaska. I'd like a roll call, Cliff.

MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Gilda Shellikoff, Secretary is absent. She called me a week prior to flying out and said she had other commitments so in her absence as the designated Federal official, I'll call roll.

Mark Olsen. Absent. Vince Tutiakoff.

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: Alfred B. Cratty.

MR. CRATTY: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: John Foster. Absent. I called John, his wife said he was out fishing. Gilda Shellikoff. Absent. Paul Gundersen.

MR. GUNDERSEN: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: Della Trumble.

MS. TRUMBLE: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: Pete Squartsoff.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: And alternate for this meeting is Ivan D. Lukin. Absent. And Mr. Chair, we have one vacant seat. There is a quorum.

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you, a quorum has been established. The first announcement is that it's been under consideration that we may leave today. I understand the latest we could leave would be 5:30, Pen Air flight. So if we plan to be done then we'll have to make that decision at noon. I understand there are some members of the Staff that may be staying another day. We need to know who you are and how many so that by noon or 10:00, so we can start making plans for a caravan or something to get back to Kodiak if we're going to get done today, and it looks like we may. I

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1 understand that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game reps  
2 are not here and the Kodiak representative for the Kodiak  
3 area is not here, he's on emergency leave. So we should --  
4 I'll ask that Bob Willis make comments in regard to caribou  
5 in 9(D) when we get to Item 7(b). And we'll ask that the  
6 Kodiak Island National Wildlife Refuge, which is Item 8(B) be  
7 deleted, also 8(C) on the agenda be deleted. All right, now,  
8 our Chairman, Mark Olsen, is either headed for Port Lions  
9 now, probably in the airport in Kodiak, so he may show up  
10 here about 9:00 or 9:30. So when he gets here he can take  
11 over.

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13 Is there any -- at this time I'd like to you to state  
14 your name and introduce yourselves for the record. Board  
15 members starting with Pete.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff, Port Lions.

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19 MR. CRATTY: Al Cratty, Old Harbor.

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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Della Trumble, King  
22 Cove.

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24 MR. GUNDERSEN: Paul Gundersen, Nelson  
25 Lagoon.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And our guests starting  
28 from.....

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30 MR. WILLIS: Robert Willis, US Fish and  
31 Wildlife Service, Anchorage.

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33 MR. POETTER: Rick Poetter, Refuge Manager,  
34 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

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36 MS. MASON: Rachel Mason, Fish and Wildlife  
37 anthropologist working for this region.

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39 MS. DETWILER: Sue Detwiler, Fish and  
40 Wildlife Service, Anchorage.

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: Cliff Edenshaw, the  
43 coordinator, Anchorage.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you. And we have no  
46 members from the general public at this time, though, I know  
47 that they may show up later. I guess a decision, if the --  
48 my understanding is that we will be having lunch here,  
49 potluck that's being held for the Bishop of the Orthodox  
50 Church so we'll be having lunch here today. Cliff.

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair, I just wanted  
2 to make one comment. In lieu of the services that are going  
3 to go on this morning, I wanted to possibly ask Pete if he  
4 knew of any individuals, because we're going to start with  
5 the three proposals this morning and then under the format  
6 that we receive written and public testimony regarding some  
7 of these, so I was wondering if Pete knew of any of them  
8 planned to give any public testimony regarding the proposals.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Not that I know of.

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Item 4, review and  
15 adoption of the agenda. Do I have a motion to adopt as  
16 amended.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: Make a motion to adopt as  
19 amended.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion by Della.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Seconded by Pete. All those  
26 in favor say aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Opposed.

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32 (No opposing responses)

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries. The floor,  
35 just for the record, will be open to public comment at any  
36 time during our session to accommodate the community or those  
37 that may be showing up late while we're in session, just for  
38 the record. Proposal review and Council recommendations,  
39 Item 7, which is Tab R in your book here.

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41 Cliff, who's taking this one?

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43 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, on Proposal 27,  
44 Robert Willis will provide the Staff analysis.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. We'll ask that maybe  
47 you could slide up a little closer so that we can pick you up  
48 on her speaker.

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50 MR. WILLIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Proposal

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1 27 was submitted by our own Pete Squartsoff on the Council.  
2 It would modify the season dates for elk hunting on Afognak  
3 Island in Unit 8. The current dates of September 1 through  
4 September 25 to October 1 through October 25. This proposal  
5 would also remove the restriction which limits access to elk  
6 hunting from marine waters only. There is some additional  
7 restrictions of one Federal permit per household and only one  
8 elk allowed in possession for each two hunters in a party  
9 would be retained under this proposal.

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11 You'll recall that customary and traditional use of  
12 elk in Unit 8 was established just last year by the Federal  
13 Subsistence Board. And the season that was established this  
14 past fall was the first season -- first subsistence season  
15 for elk that's been held. Elk were first introduced to  
16 Afognak Island back in the '20s and the first hunting season  
17 was held under State regulations starting in the '50s, and  
18 there's been a season of some kind since that time. The  
19 current season under State regulations on the part of Afognak  
20 Island that has Refuge lands and Federal lands is September  
21 25 through November 30, and the harvest limit is one elk by  
22 State registration permit only. There are an unlimited  
23 number of registration permits available.

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25 The herd of elk that we're dealing with here is  
26 called the Waterfall herd because it runs through the  
27 Waterfall Lakes area of the northeastern Afognak Island.  
28 It's a fairly small herd of elk. It ranges from 80 to 180  
29 animals, although at the present time the most recent survey  
30 indicates that it is at it's -- about the maximum size of 180  
31 animals. These animals range on and off Federal lands pretty  
32 randomly so they're liable to be on Federal or non-Federal  
33 lands at any time. The State's harvest objective for that  
34 herd is 15 percent, which would be 28 elk. This quota was  
35 reached for the first time in the 1998 season. Typically  
36 there are only three to 10 animals taken off of Refuge lands.  
37 During the early subsistence season that was established for  
38 this past fall, September 1 through 25, there were no elk  
39 reported harvested. After the State season opened on the  
40 25th of September, there were a total of 29 harvested and  
41 that includes both Federal and State lands. We don't know  
42 how many were taken on which but it's the same group of elk  
43 so it really doesn't matter.

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45 I spoke to the area biologist about reaching the  
46 quota for the first time and closing the season by emergency  
47 order which happened on October the 28th, very shortly after  
48 the season opened. He attributed the increased harvest to  
49 the fact that the recent timber harvest in that area had done  
50 two things, one, it provided road access to the area and for

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1 another, it scattered the elk and made them more visible to  
2 hunters in the openings. He stated that hunters were walking  
3 the roads and shooting the elk in open areas rather than  
4 driving and shooting.

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6 We had an extensive discussion last year at this  
7 meeting about establishing an elk season. I'm sure everybody  
8 Pete, I think, was in on that. Paul, I guess you were absent  
9 -- you were not a member at that time either, were you?

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11 MR. GUNDERSEN: I was a member but I was ill  
12 and couldn't make it to the meeting in Kodiak.

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14 MR. WILLIS: Missed the winter meeting, yeah,  
15 I didn't recall that you had been there. We spent several  
16 hours discussing this topic in order to establish the first  
17 season. And some of the issues raised were the fact that  
18 there was logging road access for a limited number of  
19 subsistence users who had access to the road.

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21 The Council felt that using the roads for access for  
22 a subsistence hunt would give an unfair advantage to some  
23 subsistence users over those who had to travel by a boat or  
24 by air to get over here, and that was the reason for limiting  
25 access to marine waters only, to give all the subsistence  
26 users an equal opportunity at the elk.

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28 We looked at different options for providing a  
29 priority for subsistence use and the only one that was  
30 available was to open the season early. The State season is  
31 a long season, it runs through November, there's an unlimited  
32 number of registration permits available so our decision to  
33 open the season in September was to give the subsistence  
34 hunters an advantage over the non-subsistence hunter.  
35 Recognizing that that was not the prime time to hunt because  
36 the weather was warm, you had a lot of bear activity and you  
37 had to be real careful about salvaging your meat.

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39 The current proposal is submitted out of a concern  
40 about those things. One access, the other being hunting  
41 during the early part of the year.

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43 I think I'll stop there and just say that our  
44 preliminary conclusion is to oppose this proposal as it's  
45 submitted. The reason being that to establish an October 1  
46 to October 25 subsistence hunt would fall during the existing  
47 State season and therefore would provide no priority for the  
48 subsistence user. And as the Council decided last year,  
49 removing the restriction to access by marine waters only  
50 would give an unfair advantage to the people who lived in the

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1 logging camp and could drive to those elk.

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3 That concludes the Staff analysis. Do we have any  
4 public comments, Cliff, on this one?

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6 MR. EDENSHAW: No. Vince was going to go  
7 ahead and cover it. He was just going to read off the  
8 executive summary regarding the ADF&G comments in their  
9 absence.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to explain why I  
12 put in this proposal. The reason I put it in was because of  
13 the time, September 1 to 25 is too early because of the bugs,  
14 the grass, the bears and all that kind of stuff. And also I  
15 oppose the marine waters only because of weather getting  
16 around, those capes to get over there. Also the reason I put  
17 this proposal in is because now that there is road access to  
18 this area, people can drive in there, which showed here that  
19 29 elk were taken within a month where in the past there had  
20 only been a half a dozen elk taken in that area.

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22 Okay, now, with the road access there, people can get  
23 in there a lot easier. My feeling on this thing, the State,  
24 maybe not this season but next season, I would assume that  
25 they're going to make that a registration area because of the  
26 easy access. The only reason it wasn't registration was  
27 because it wasn't easy access, now, they'll make it easy  
28 access or they should, is my feeling. So if that happens,  
29 then subsistence should have priority over registration.

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31 MR. WILLIS: You mean drawing -- it's a  
32 registration permit area now.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes. Because it is now easy  
35 access like the rest of the elk on the island, that should  
36 become drawing area only. And if this happens, then  
37 subsistence will have priority. So that way, the local  
38 residents on the island could hunt from the 1st to the 25th  
39 of October.

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41 MR. WILLIS: I suppose.....

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's the reason for me  
44 putting that proposal in. And I explained that to Jay  
45 Bellinger and he understood. He said the reason they opposed  
46 it, they didn't realize that.

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48 MR. WILLIS: If I could address that, Mr.  
49 Chair. Yes, I talked to Jay also. Obviously we have no  
50 biological concerns about moving the season to October. Also

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1 I talked to Larry Van Daele, the ADF&G biologist for Kodiak  
2 and Afognak and I asked him that same question, Pete, now  
3 that we have road access, are you considering changing that  
4 to a drawing hunt because you reached the quota and had to  
5 shut it down, and his answer was no. He felt that with the  
6 two day reporting period that was required and they had good  
7 emergency closure situation there and he was more concerned  
8 with not shooting enough elk out of that group rather than  
9 shooting too many. So his plans, at least, at this time, are  
10 not to make any changes in the registration hunt.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes, because that can't come  
13 up until next year, elk, it won't be up until next year. But  
14 I'm sure I'll put in a proposal if nobody else does. But I'm  
15 sure that's going to come up when elk is up for proposals.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For the record I'll read into  
18 the record the ADF&G comments since there's no representative  
19 here. Under executive summary, Proposal 27, in support of  
20 the proposal. The proposed season would align Federal and  
21 State seasons and improve monitoring ability. Also  
22 recommends a joint State/Federal permit, for the record.

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24 Anymore comments from the Council regarding Proposal  
25 27. We understand what your concerns are now, being a road  
26 in there it's made it a lot easier for open shooting.

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28 MR. CRATTY: I got a question for you Pete.  
29 What I was wondering, when we put this through we made it  
30 marine access only. We did that to allow you guys to be able  
31 to hunt it instead of having the loggers come in and take all  
32 the elk and closing it down.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, see but -- yeah, see  
35 that was -- but then as soon as it opens for registration  
36 then they -- well, I guess they walk in there is what they're  
37 saying.

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39 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But I'm sure they drive in  
42 to pick up their elk.

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44 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, that was one of the big  
45 concerns.

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And because the southwest  
48 Afognak has like 200 animals in that herd and that's drawing  
49 only because of easy access. I feel this is going to happen  
50 -- it's the same thing to this area because of the roads when



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1 it's open for State registration. I don't see why if it's a  
2 lot smaller herd than the southwest herd and other areas but  
3 it's still being left open for registration. Is that because  
4 it's Federal land?

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6 MR. WILLIS: Well, there's no -- to answer  
7 that question there's no.....

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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I wish Larry could be here  
10 to explain that.

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12 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, there's no vehicular  
13 access allowed on the Federal lands over there. You can  
14 drive to the edge but you can't drive on.....

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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18 MR. WILLIS: .....the Federal lands.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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22 MR. WILLIS: I guess it's kind of  
23 speculation, Pete, as to whether ADF&G will change the season  
24 sometime in the future. You know, Larry says, no, he's not  
25 going to recommend any change.....

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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29 MR. WILLIS: .....and if he doesn't recommend  
30 it, I doubt that ADF&G would -- if he doesn't support it I  
31 doubt that they would make a change like that. If it did  
32 happen then certainly the Council could respond with a change  
33 in the Federal season at that time. So that's another option  
34 to consider, is whether to try to make a change now or make a  
35 change in response to a change in a State regulation.

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37 And I guess my feeling is that we just created this  
38 season, we didn't have much success with it this year as far  
39 as elk harvested but, you know, that's one year, and do we  
40 want to jump in and change it again, this year, after only  
41 one year's experience with it. But these are some of the  
42 considerations that went into the Staff recommendation to  
43 oppose your suggested change. Certainly there's no  
44 biological reason, no problem with putting it in October.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I see a big reason  
47 because of the registration hunters comparing to subsistence  
48 hunters.

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50 MR. WILLIS: What I'm saying is there's no

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1 disadvantage to making your suggested change from a  
2 biological standpoint, you know, from the effects on the  
3 herd. No, it doesn't matter whether you have the early  
4 opening or not because of the difficulty of access and  
5 especially in the early season, we don't anticipate a problem  
6 to the elk herd from hunting at that time. And obviously, if  
7 you shorten that season and put it -- go incidental with the  
8 current State season then you still have the same situation.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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12 MR. WILLIS: You're hunting for a shorter  
13 period of time. You still have a quota on the herd so  
14 obviously you're not going to hurt the herd biologically.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes, I agree to that. But  
17 I'm looking for the people within the Game Unit, the  
18 residents of Kodiak Island is what my thing is.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: I have a question.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Della.

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24 MS. TRUMBLE: In the Staff recommendations  
25 you oppose, proposed season falls during existing State  
26 season and would provide no priority for subsistence hunters.  
27 Pete's concern is the priority for the subsistence hunters.

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29 If you were to keep the date open, the date was  
30 September to September 25th, can you take that to September  
31 1st to October 25th? That way they'd be able to get their  
32 permits.....

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Earlier.

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36 MS. TRUMBLE: .....prior to the State  
37 opening? Would that cover that?

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, it probably would,  
40 yeah. But then see nobody wants to go hunting that early in  
41 the season because of the weather, the temperature and.....

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: But they'd get their permits  
44 though. Wouldn't they get their permits?

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. But you can get your  
47 permit but you.....

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: But they can hunt them in  
50 October.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: It's still -- except there's be  
4 a September 1st opening.

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But it will open for  
7 registration in October for everyone.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, that's the State  
10 opening.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That'd be a State opening.

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14 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, just.....

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: See I'm just thinking of the  
17 future, next year or next year or the next year down the  
18 line. I'm not thinking of this season coming this fall.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's going to take a year or  
23 two or you just have to think ahead of what's going to happen  
24 there -- or what I feel is going to happen there. What I'm  
25 trying to do is get that area for residents within the Game  
26 Unit by doing this. If we don't do this then it's open to  
27 everybody, non -- from anywhere in the State or wherever.

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29 See what I'm saying?

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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33 MR. CRATTY: Oh, I see what you're saying  
34 now. You want it just to be for Unit 8?

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. That's what it would  
37 be if it was subsistence.

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39 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And if the State went to a  
42 drawing, then the subsistence should have priority where the  
43 local residents would have priority to hunt those animals.

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45 MR. CRATTY: Oh, that makes sense.

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Starting the first of  
48 October.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think it sounds like you

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1 need to write a proposal to get it in where you anticipate a  
2 drawing from the State. That would institute local or Area 8  
3 residents only subsistence hunt prior to any drawing. I  
4 think that's what needs to be done. And like you mentioned,  
5 that's a year away and that should be maybe the route we  
6 should be looking to keep the residents as part of the  
7 program rather than -- because it is early, it sounds like,  
8 the hunt under the September 1st to 25th is too early.

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10 MR. CRATTY: It was earlier than that and we  
11 changed it last year.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And like Robert said, this is  
14 the first year and I think that if there are going to be any  
15 changes this season, it will show where -- that they're going  
16 to have some next year. And I think you ought to put in a  
17 proposal to supporting the resident subsistence hunt first  
18 prior to a drawing if that's what you're headed for and  
19 that's what your intent is anyway.

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21 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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25 MR. CRATTY: I got a question, Mr. Chair.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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29 MR. CRATTY: If we were to open the road  
30 system over here, we should be a little leery of all the  
31 loggers coming in and taking your subsistence elk before you  
32 had a chance to get them?

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, that's -- well,  
35 everybody within the Game Unit qualifies for subsistence  
36 users.

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38 MR. CRATTY: Well, that's one reason why we  
39 restricted any road use to get over into the Federal -- that  
40 was the basic reason.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right, right. But see  
43 nobody's doing it in September.

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45 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: There hasn't been one elk  
48 taken or nobody's gone over there. And as soon as it opens  
49 in October for registration, there went 20 some elk in a  
50 month.

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1 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Don't you draw these, a certain  
4 amount of permits for the subsistence?

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6 MR. CRATTY: No, this is registration area.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's registration.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's just a small little  
13 area up there that's Federal land.

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15 MS. TRUMBLE: So they don't do it like we do  
16 with the caribou hunt?

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18 MR. WILLIS: No.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: See that's what my  
21 thoughts.....

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because it's the only  
24 area.....

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26 MS. TRUMBLE: .....if you were able to do  
27 that with the caribou.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: Then they're allowed to draw a  
32 certain amount of permits. And that way they'd be allowed  
33 those permits within the communities. His concern is then  
34 those people getting their permit for the elk, then they'd  
35 draw those permits, they'd have them prior to the State  
36 opening where it's open to anybody.

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38 MR. WILLIS: I understand Pete's.....

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: That's kind of what I was  
41 thinking.

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43 MR. WILLIS: .....what Pete's going after  
44 completely. Any my only reason for opposing this proposal is  
45 the fact that the Council had set up the early opening last  
46 year.

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48 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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50 MR. WILLIS: As I say it's not about a

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1 biological concern for the elk herd. And if the Council  
2 wants to change what it did last year, I'll support that.  
3 You know, that's fine with me.

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5 MR. CRATTY: Let's do it then.

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7 MR. WILLIS: But that was my reason. I had  
8 to jump one way or the other, you know. And just looking at  
9 it, it took away the priority that we established for the  
10 subsistence user last year by eliminating those two weeks  
11 when they could hunt before everybody else started.

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13 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I can't see why that  
16 little small area could be the only registration on the whole  
17 island and it doesn't have that big of a herd. I mean it  
18 varies from 80 to 180 animals, they move in and out of there.  
19 So -- but that is the only registration area where anybody  
20 can pick up a permit and go in there.

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22 So that's my concern.

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24 MR. CRATTY: So Robert, can we change it and  
25 then strictly say for Unit 8 subsistence use only before  
26 there is a registration -- State registration out there? Or  
27 could we put in a suggestion like that to the.....

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29 MR. WILLIS: Well, as I recall.....

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31 MR. CRATTY: That's what it says.....

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33 MR. WILLIS: ....the C&T for elk.....

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess you'd have to put a  
36 C&T.....

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38 MR. WILLIS: .....was -- the C&T for elk is  
39 for Unit 8 residents only. Isn't that right, Rachel?

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41 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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43 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, but.....

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45 MR. WILLIS: So.....

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47 COURT REPORTER: One at a time, please.

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49 MR. CRATTY: If I understand you, Peter, and  
50 what I understand there's a registration hunt there.

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1 MR. WILLIS: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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3 MR. CRATTY: It's open to registration so any  
4 Alaska resident can go there and get a registration permit  
5 and hunt that area.

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7 MR. WILLIS: Right.

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9 MR. CRATTY: Now, if we were to take that  
10 little chunk of Federal land like Pete's saying, and just put  
11 it strictly in for a subsistence use before they have a  
12 registration hunt there, is that -- can we do that or.....

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14 MR. WILLIS: Well, that's what we have now.  
15 We have a two week -- what you're suggesting is to just close  
16 Federal lands to non-subsistence users for a certain period  
17 of time, is that what you're suggesting?

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19 MR. CRATTY: That's what Pete's suggesting,  
20 yes. That's what I understand.

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22 MR. WILLIS: That's the Council.....

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's what it boils down  
25 to.....

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27 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....if the State does like  
30 they do the rest of the island and make it a drawing area,  
31 then.....

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33 MR. CRATTY: That's a good point.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....I would think  
36 subsistence would have priority.

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38 MR. WILLIS: The Council can certainly  
39 recommend that.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And that's why this is here.

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43 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, another thing you could  
44 do, another option would be to create the subsistence hunt  
45 that you want assuming that the State does go to a drawing  
46 permit and then you would be able to hunt unrestricted,  
47 although there would be a few other -- you know, a few people  
48 with permits. They're probably not going to spend that much  
49 time on that Federal land anyway, you know, because it's  
50 pretty hard to get into. It's much easier hunting around the

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1 edges of it as I understand it. So you wouldn't be -- it  
2 wouldn't be closed to non-subsistence users but it would be  
3 closed to everybody except the few people that had permits  
4 from the State to hunt in there.

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6 So that would be another option. Do you follow me on  
7 that, Al?

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9 MR. CRATTY: You're still -- are you still  
10 saying you're leaving that open?

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Create a subsistence hunt on  
13 Federal lands only.

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15 MR. WILLIS: Or a drawing.....

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17 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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19 MR. WILLIS: .....or draw it for the -- for  
20 the people to have drawing permits it would be left open.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Prior to drawing.....

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24 MR. WILLIS: There's a couple of options here  
25 and I'm just throwing.....

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27 MR. CRATTY: If they go to a drawing?

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29 MR. WILLIS: If they go to a drawing, then  
30 there would be a subsistence hunt under Federal permit and  
31 any subsistence user in Unit 8 would be able to go there and  
32 hunt elk. But the non-subsistence use would be limited to  
33 the people who draw permits under State regulation. And I  
34 have no idea how many permits that would be on that herd.  
35 You know, we're speculating that they're going to go to a  
36 drawing hunt.

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38 But that would be an option. And then just say  
39 Federal lands are closed to non-subsistence elk hunters would  
40 be another option so that it's subsistence only.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Does that solve your.....

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, not -- well, I don't  
45 -- it doesn't solve anything for this year.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You can move to amend.

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But I.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we'll get it on the  
2 record at least and then give you time to draw up a proposal  
3 for the next meeting.  
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5 MR. GUNDERSEN: What you're saying is there'd  
6 be an X number of tickets and then the ones there for  
7 subsistence would be subtracted from that total and whatever  
8 is left is what the State would get.....  
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10 MR. WILLIS: What I envision, Paul, would be  
11 -- the way it's done now as far as determining when to close  
12 the season, that's when 15 percent of the herd's been  
13 harvested. So you would still do that. But the thing is is  
14 the subsistence hunter would be able to go ahead and hunt  
15 without having to compete for a drawing permit. And then the  
16 State, you know, they have X number of drawing permits  
17 available to other people. And when -- but you would close  
18 the season down when you reached the 15 percent.  
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20 MR. GUNDERSEN: Fifteen percent, whatever  
21 that number may be?  
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23 MR. WILLIS: Yeah. That's what I was  
24 envisioning when I threw out that option.  
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I wish Larry could  
27 have been here because what they did this last year, too, is  
28 they increased the number of drawing permits significantly  
29 from the past and also they moved the date back -- or they  
30 extended the season. They extended the season and permits so  
31 that way that shows a lot bigger harvest for the whole island  
32 -- or up to then -- up to last year, the season was shorter  
33 and there was less permits and more local people had a chance  
34 of getting elk. Now, they extended the season and issued  
35 more permits and a lot of those are coming from off island.  
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37 MR. WILLIS: I tried to find out how many of  
38 those elks were taken were taken by Unit 8 residents but  
39 there's no way I can get that information.  
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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Yeah, Larry would  
42 have had it.  
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44 MR. WILLIS: So that was.....  
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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Larry would have had it, he  
47 gave it to me and I lost it.  
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49 MR. WILLIS: So that would be a good thing to  
50 know.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. And that's something  
2 to keep in mind, too. Because they extended the season and  
3 issued a lot more permits, well, of course, you're going to  
4 take a lot more animals then.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, it seems to me that  
7 when the State decides to extend the permits or the season,  
8 that they would first go to the resident users for  
9 subsistence, an extended hunt for -- similar to what we did  
10 in the -- the white-tail on the Kodiak side road. The road  
11 kill thing. Where they said that there -- I think it was a  
12 couple of years ago. Where they said they were going to open  
13 it up and extend the season, they allowed the residents of  
14 Kodiak to do a subsistence prior to issuing anymore permits.  
15 And I think that's what needs to be done rather than opening  
16 it up to non-subsistence users. And then the subsistence  
17 user, although, have a season, we're not part of that  
18 extended season.

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20 MR. WILLIS: Well, don't confuse the increase  
21 in the number of drawing permits with this area that we're  
22 talking about. Because the area we're talking about is  
23 always.....

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They don't have drawings.....

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's open to everybody  
28 already so we you don't have to.....

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Open.....

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32 MR. WILLIS: .....it's a registration permit  
33 which is open to everyone.

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35 COURT REPORTER: Wait, wait, one at a time,  
36 please.

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38 MR. WILLIS: The fact that the State  
39 increased the number of drawing permits has nothing to do  
40 with the area we're talking about.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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46 MR. WILLIS: Because there's no Federal land  
47 in the area where they have the drawing hunts. The area  
48 we're talking about is currently open and has been open to  
49 anybody who wants to go over there and hunt.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So where would the Council  
4 like to go with this proposal? To amend it? Vote on it, up  
5 or down?

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I'd still like to see  
8 it passed. I'm still in favor of it passing as is.

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10 MR. CRATTY: You got to amend it.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Or can -- if somebody wants  
13 to make an amendment. There is written comments below on  
14 amendment, limit permits to only one per households, too many  
15 households are receiving two permits. I don't know what  
16 that's got to do with this.

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18 MR. WILLIS: Nothing really, Peter. That's a  
19 complaint about the State hunt really, the fact that  
20 there's.....

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. That's what that is.

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24 MR. WILLIS: We deliberately put a limit in  
25 this Federal season.....

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Right.

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29 MR. WILLIS: .....so that only permit would  
30 be issued per household.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's the only thing, I  
33 see, yeah.

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35 MR. WILLIS: And he didn't recommend removing  
36 that, which means it would stay as part of the regulation.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Let's see, Bob, made a  
41 recommendation for an option which would -- I read it to be a  
42 create a subsistence hunt on Federal lands only prior to  
43 drawing of permits, if they go to a drawing permit hunt.....

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45 MR. WILLIS: You could establish a  
46 subsistence season that.....

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....if the State goes to  
49 a.....

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1 MR. WILLIS: .....is longer that what we have  
2 now. Right now it's stopped -- the subsistence season stops  
3 the 25th of September. You can extend that as far as you  
4 want to go, put that in place, and then if the State does go  
5 to a drawing hunt that would still be there. And that would  
6 give you.....

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, I see that would cover  
9 this.

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11 MR. WILLIS: That would establish your  
12 subsistence priority.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right now, for the record,  
15 our subsistence hunt is 1 September to September 25th. We  
16 have the option of going to 1 September to October 25th.

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18 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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20 MR. WILLIS: Or to the end of the State  
21 season, either one, whichever.....

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I think it's November.  
24 November 30 was the State, I think.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: November 30.

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28 MR. WILLIS: If you think there is any  
29 benefit in extending it that far. And I would defer to our  
30 elk hunters down here to determine when you want to cut that  
31 off.

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, I'd like to make a  
34 motion to amend that to go from September 1 to November 30,  
35 same with the State registration.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved by Pete to  
38 amend the recommendation to change the season from October 1  
39 to November 30th, do I hear a second?

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41 MR. GUNDERSEN: I'll second.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second by Paul. Discussion.  
44 Do I hear a call for the question?

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46 MR. CRATTY: Question.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All those in favor say aye.

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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Those opposed.

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3 (No opposing responses)

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries.

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7 MS. DETWILER: When you're finished with your  
8 action, I'm keeping a record of your motions and so if you  
9 could just briefly state your justification for whatever  
10 action you take it would help me keep the records.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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14 MS. DETWILER: Thank you.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The justification, as I  
17 understand it, is to -- the reason, extending the season,  
18 subsistence season is to be more flexible in the hunting  
19 season and also to be in a position to create a subsistence  
20 priority in the event of a State drawing permit system.  
21 Okay.

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23 MS. DETWILER: Thank you.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thanks very much Robert.

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27 MR. WILLIS: You asked that I discuss the  
28 9(D) caribou at this time, I believe, Mr. Chair, or would you  
29 prefer to wait until another time.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If there's no objection we  
32 can go right to that part now, that's this paper here that  
33 was handed out?

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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, no, no, that was -- no,  
36 Robert's going to address a proposal that was submitted by  
37 the State.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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41 MR. WILLIS: As some of you know, the State  
42 did some work on the caribou herd out in Unit 9(D) where we  
43 have our Federal Subsistence hunt this summer and found that  
44 that herd has come back pretty strong in health wise and  
45 numbers wise. And therefore, the local ADF&G biologist has  
46 recommended opening a State wide hunting season on that herd  
47 and it was submitted as Proposal 51 to the State Board of  
48 Game and I'll read it to you.

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50 Unit 9(D), one caribou, season is September 1 through

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1 September 20 and November 15 through March 31. And that's a  
2 pretty substantial long season and it's also for either sex.  
3 And it was my feeling that that would eliminate the need for  
4 our Federal hunt if it's satisfactory to the Council, those  
5 dates, and the fact that both State and Federal lands would  
6 be open under this regulation. There would really be no need  
7 for a special Federal permit.

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9 You know, in the past we've had limited numbers of  
10 bulls only permits because we were concerned about the health  
11 of the herd and the bull/cow ratio. And it appears that our  
12 careful management over the last five or six years has been  
13 successful and the herd's come back to the point to where we  
14 can now start harvesting at a higher rate. And I just wanted  
15 to point that out to those of you who are not familiar with  
16 this State proposal. It's very similar to what we've had for  
17 a Federal season the last two years except it would cover all  
18 lands instead of just Federal lands, and it would be either  
19 sex instead of bull only.

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21 Now, if the Council would like to discuss that.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I had a question, is it your  
24 position, Staff recommending support of 51 or has the Staff  
25 reviewed Proposal 51?

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27 MR. WILLIS: We won't formally recommend  
28 adoption of this by the State Board, that's something that we  
29 just traditionally have not done. This was kind of done  
30 independently of us, we were not consulted on it, but we've  
31 been doing extensive surveys with the local people for a  
32 couple years now and we've been telling the State, you know,  
33 there's enough animals out there to have a hunt for local  
34 users.

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36 They now agree with us. And also the fact that the  
37 calf reduction was good and the calves were healthy and cows  
38 were healthy this year, indicates to the State that that herd  
39 can now stand a higher harvest level and.....

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do you have a copy of 51  
42 there, we don't have it in our book here?

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44 MS. TRUMBLE: I'd like to see it.

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46 MR. WILLIS: Well, this is the State Board of  
47 Game proposal, it's not in your Federal book.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But it effects our seasons?

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1 MR. WILLIS: What we've been doing with the  
2 Federal season is to wait until we had the numbers, looked at  
3 the calf production figures in the summer and then by special  
4 action deciding how many animals we could take.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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8 MR. WILLIS: If this proposal passes in State  
9 regulation then the local people would be able to hunt down  
10 there September 1 through 20 and November 15 through March 31  
11 on all lands for either sex. If that would satisfy the local  
12 people with the caribou season, then we would skip having a  
13 special Federal season this year.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My question is, how did they  
16 project the amount of the hunt that they are projecting to be  
17 done this season if they put it into effect at the March  
18 meeting? I mean how are they determining based on their  
19 count or by Federal count, the herd size, if they're going to  
20 allow this to happen?

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22 MR. GUNDERSEN: Well, they both counted, both  
23 the Feds and the State. They sent down a crew and they did  
24 an extensive survey last fall. I've got some minutes from a  
25 meeting, from the advisory committee meeting from Nelson  
26 Lagoon. And I was going to ask Bob if I could take a look at  
27 that proposal again and see exactly how it reads to clear --  
28 it's been a while, so it's clear in my mind as to how it  
29 went.

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31 MR. WILLIS: Sure.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I'd like to read it,  
34 too.

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36 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, it states to establish  
37 a resident hunting season for caribou in Units 9(D) as  
38 follows, and that resident would I presume -- all State  
39 resident people, okay.

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41 MS. TRUMBLE: Is this one per household? How  
42 are they calculating it for that?

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44 MR. CRATTY: Excuse me, Robert, did they come  
45 back that much now that you guys -- for the State to propose  
46 this, I lost track?

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48 MR. WILLIS: So it would appear. As I said,  
49 the State didn't consult our office in making this  
50 recommendation. Rick Poetter is here from the Refuge and

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1 maybe he could add something to any discussions that might  
2 have gone on between the Refuge and the State.

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4 MR. CRATTY: I don't understand. We were  
5 just talking last year of how depleted the herd was and it  
6 was really hard just to get a subsistence hunt in and now  
7 they want to open it up.

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9 MR. WILLIS: The only input that we've had on  
10 this is suggestions on timing the hunt so that there would  
11 not be caribou hunting allowed during the bear season when  
12 you have non-resident -- non-local people in the area. So  
13 September 1 through 20 and then opening again in November and  
14 going through March 31, it's designed to make it a local  
15 hunt. Because you wouldn't have people in the area for other  
16 reasons, and it's unlikely that anybody would travel that far  
17 just to hunt caribou when there's so many other places they  
18 can go where there's more animals.

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20 Rick, did you have something to add?

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22 MR. POETTER: Yes. As far as the numbers, I  
23 have a write up here from our biological staff. In February  
24 of '98 the winter count documented 3,127 individuals.  
25 There's 21 percent calves from a photo survey done in July,  
26 which is a real good number. And let's see, I have some  
27 other information here, let me look.

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29 In essence, the herd has increased from, what was the  
30 low, about 1,500, about two, three, four years ago. And the  
31 calf body fat and the condition of the calves is such that  
32 Dick feels -- Dick Sellers, State biologist, feels that the  
33 herd is in a positive mode, it's increasing. The cut off for  
34 allowing cows to be hunted is around 3,500 individual herd  
35 size, and so we're approaching that. He feels we'll probably  
36 get to that point based on what he saw as far as calves and  
37 their condition. So it's just on an upswing.

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39 One of the things that Dick and I talked about is  
40 being careful we don't -- the herd doesn't jump too fast, you  
41 know, so time will tell. We need another year or two to see  
42 just how fast this growth is and how it -- whether it will  
43 continue or not. But you know, obviously we don't want to  
44 get back up to that 10,000 animal herd number again or we'll  
45 have a big crash and we'll be back down into the low numbers  
46 again and everybody will be suffering from it.

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48 He feels and our staff all feel that, you know, we  
49 can go ahead and hunt, open it up to -- and to answer Della's  
50 question, it would be one caribou per resident, not per



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1 household. So actually an increase in the number of caribou.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.....

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair.....

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Della.

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9 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm a little confused here. We  
10 had this caribou limited to a certain amount to build up the  
11 herd, that was the big issue here. And with the help of the  
12 local people, I think, they were able to track all of, you  
13 know, get a better count -- accurate count is a better word  
14 on the caribou population in the area. You know I posed this  
15 question to a lot of people prior to this meeting just to get  
16 some sort of sense of what people are thinking out there,  
17 that if the State is thinking of opening this up to a State  
18 hunt, do you support that or do you not support it? There's  
19 a couple -- you know, some people support it because of the  
20 areas would be increased, like on the corporate lands,  
21 there's not that much State lands basically there, so mostly  
22 it's corporation private lands that people would be opening  
23 to hunt on. They'd be closer to home. At this time they are  
24 having a hard time getting over to Cold Bay to hunt. And  
25 weather's been a factor, transportation, the cost. And I  
26 know when I did a, just in King Cove, before I left, a total  
27 of how many permits that have been passed out, how many have  
28 been harvested, there's maybe I'd say a discrepancy of five  
29 that probably have been harvested that didn't get called in  
30 yet. So at this point the majority of those permits haven't  
31 even been harvested. And then to turn around where we tried  
32 to limit this to one per household so you don't have five  
33 people in one house going out and getting a caribou.

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35 There's a couple things. The concern comes in as  
36 number 1, you can't -- if it's open State, you have a better  
37 chance of harvesting caribou, that's good. The bad part of  
38 this is if it's open up to State, then it's more people  
39 coming in and more caribous getting -- and it's not  
40 distributed equally, that's one. But opening it to other  
41 residents that can come from the State not within our region  
42 that can hunt this caribou, as it is they're having a hard  
43 enough time harvesting them. I just -- I don't know, without  
44 a limit on -- there doesn't seem to be a limit.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Pete and then Paul.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: My question was, are the  
49 C&T, are they being met for that area -- I mean for the  
50 people of King Cove, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point? And if

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1 this just started last year for the subsistence hunt, is that  
2 what they were looking for or are we near the amount of  
3 animals that those people were looking for?

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5 MR. WILLIS: We've had two years of  
6 subsistence hunts. And what we've done is to look at the  
7 number and the health of the animals in the summer, and then  
8 make a recommendation for a hunt starting that fall. And  
9 last year, things were getting much better and so we made a  
10 provision that if the bull/cow ratio was high in October,  
11 then we would add an additional 50 permits over the 100 I  
12 think that we had initially recommended -- or 120, to be  
13 issued, and we were still restricting it to bulls only.

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15 So that -- we know that the herd has been improving,  
16 and not only to total numbers but with the health of the  
17 calves, how healthy they are when they come out.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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21 MR. WILLIS: And I'll admit to being a little  
22 surprised that the State threw it wide open like that the  
23 first year. As I said, I wasn't in on the discussion that  
24 led up to that, but Rick and his staff were.

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26 My feeling on outsiders coming in to hunt is that if  
27 they can't combine it with something like a bear hunt, it's  
28 not going to be worth their time to go down there to try to  
29 shoot a caribou.

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: The thing of it is, we get so  
32 many people traveling within the region from outside. I mean  
33 it's like contractors, people that work in our community,  
34 there's a tremendous amount of travel in King Cove.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Paul.

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38 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, last fall in October  
39 where we had that meeting in Anchorage, we were talking about  
40 that caribou herd in Unit 9(D). And at that time I guess the  
41 State was working on putting together some proposals and  
42 that's about the time this one was generated. And I think I  
43 went on record stating that there was a lot of the people in  
44 the communities that did not want to see it open to a state  
45 wide -- or to a sports hunter or whatever until all  
46 subsistence needs were met. And at that point we were  
47 talking over some numbers and I think we believe we thought  
48 we were covering about a third or maybe possibly half of all  
49 the subsistence needs. Until those were met, I think a lot  
50 of the communities felt that we should not open it up to

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1 resident hunt -- State resident hunt.

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3 And I conveyed my feelings on to Dick Sellers when I  
4 spoke with him but I was unaware of this proposal -- Proposal  
5 51 that you just showed us here a bit ago until we had a  
6 community advisory committee at Nelson Lagoon, let's see it  
7 was January 25th, '99. These State proposal booklets were  
8 handed out. And at that time when we had the meeting it was  
9 the general consensus of the people in the community that  
10 they were in favor of that, they were supported Proposal 51.  
11 So it wasn't really my feelings personally, the way I felt  
12 about it, I still feel that they should -- you know, the  
13 subsistence needs should be met first. But I could see where  
14 it's just a management nightmare for -- because those animals  
15 don't stay on State lands or Fed lands or whatever, you know,  
16 they're always moving, and somewhere along the line  
17 somebody's going to get captured on somebody else's property  
18 and so it's a -- I'd like to find some way of remedying it.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: As it is in looking at this,  
21 and in the past, we haven't even gotten to the limit of  
22 harvesting the 10 percent for subsistence. We've been way  
23 below -- we've actually almost been a little -- maybe about  
24 52 percent of that, that 10 percent technically.

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26 MR. WILLIS: Why is that Della?

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28 MS. TRUMBLE: I don't know. You guys gave  
29 those figures to us, the 10 percent. There was 32 or 35 --  
30 one was a 3,800 caribou total, 10 percent of that is 380  
31 caribou. We've been allowed, what is it, 160 plus 50, 210  
32 maybe?

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34 MR. POETTER: That's right.

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36 MS. TRUMBLE: Why don't we increase those  
37 totals to the 10 percent of the full herd for another year  
38 for a subsistence hunt and see how it goes?

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40 MR. POETTER: But one of the problems with  
41 the Federal hunt is that you're restricting yourselves to  
42 just the Federal lands, not the selected nor the conveyed  
43 lands.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I understand that.

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47 MR. POETTER: Yeah.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: See that's the Catch-22 here.  
50 And that may be the Catch-22 that I think -- and I just don't

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1 -- and I didn't ask and check around Sand Point what their  
2 sense and feel on this was. But I really left King Cove with  
3 the sense that people preferred to let it remain a  
4 subsistence hunt.

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6 MR. WILLIS: Well, we have no control over  
7 what the State does with this hunt. I mean this Council, as  
8 a group and as individuals, can make recommendations on the  
9 State proposal but the Federal Board has no control or  
10 influence or whatever on what the State does.

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12 The only thing we could do would be to close Federal  
13 lands to non-subsistence hunters and that would not  
14 accomplish what you want to do because one of the problems  
15 now is that you can't hunt on the State controlled lands.  
16 Not just State lands but those on which they have  
17 jurisdiction.

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: The issue isn't so much the  
20 State lands, there isn't a great amount of State lands there  
21 but.....

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23 MR. WILLIS: Well, the private.....

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25 MS. TRUMBLE: .....the private lands.....

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27 MR. WILLIS: .....lands are under State.....

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29 MS. TRUMBLE: .....which is under the State.

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31 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, it's all under State  
32 regulations. When I say the State lands, that's what I'm  
33 referring to. So that's the only action that the Board could  
34 take that would have any influence on this State proposal.

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36 I wanted to bring the State proposal to everybody's  
37 attention so that you were aware of it and make some  
38 recommendations on your own and point out the fact that if  
39 this passes or some variation of this State proposal is  
40 passed by the State Board in March, there is still an  
41 opportunity through special action to create a Federal hunt  
42 after that if the local people are not satisfied with what  
43 the State does.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: The other concern I have is  
46 we've been doing this under a drawing so we have a lot of  
47 households turning in permits to get their name in the  
48 drawing, and then we're limited to the amount of people who  
49 can actually get a caribou per household. And we turnaround  
50 with the State thing and you can have five people in a

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1 household and they can all get a permit. You know, it's --  
2 the distribution is not going to be fair, as where, at least,  
3 we've got some control over that right now.

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5 MR. GUNDERSEN: I think the State's going to  
6 be pretty bull-headed about getting this -- passing this  
7 through management. So I think what we can do is look at the  
8 dates and maybe we could set those to a later date or a  
9 different time. But you spoke yesterday about setting a  
10 different time frame so it wouldn't be convenient for -- and  
11 you brought it up again earlier, for someone to be already in  
12 the area to have access to it.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: You mean the August 1st to  
15 September 21st, whether it's a bull or -- you wouldn't limit  
16 it just to bulls?

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18 MR. GUNDERSEN: No. It's cow or bull.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Because there's is September  
21 21st to October 5th, this one, limited -- it's limited to one  
22 bull.

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24 MR. GUNDERSEN: No.

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26 MS. TRUMBLE: That's what they thought  
27 anyway.

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29 MR. WILLIS: Probably one of the factors that  
30 was considered in setting this proposed State season was the  
31 fact that under our subsistence hunt, the local people  
32 haven't been able to harvest as many animals as they were  
33 allowed. And that being the case, now, obviously that means  
34 there's more animals still out there that we had assumed  
35 would be harvested. And the other thing is is that it  
36 indicates that under a wide open season there still would not  
37 be a large number of animals taken, especially with the  
38 timing of the season to avoid the period when there's lots of  
39 people in the area of road surfaces.

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41 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, that's the thing.  
42 There's a -- it's either construction season, fishing season,  
43 and all that stuff that brings in a lot of people in that  
44 period of time. Up until about November when it cools down  
45 real good is about the time they start thinning out or  
46 shutting down operations. Prior to that, you got more people  
47 going around in that part of the country and it's bear season  
48 and moose season in 9(E) and.....

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50 MR. WILLIS: Waterfowl.

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1 MR. GUNDERSEN: .....waterfowl and all that.  
2 So there's other reasons for them to be in that area. A lot  
3 of the local people usually don't go hunting until November  
4 and later anyway if they get a chance to because of the  
5 weather conditions and the timing of the seasons in between  
6 fishing seasons and construction season and other types of  
7 work.

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9 So I think if we could spread those dates around,  
10 change the time of the season, it may be a -- we may be able  
11 to work something out with the State so we won't have to have  
12 this duplicate process.

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14 MR. WILLIS: It would be better to have just  
15 one season whether it's State or Federal and one permit that  
16 people have to deal with.

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18 MR. GUNDERSEN: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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20 MR. WILLIS: It would be nice if we could  
21 find a State season which would be open on all lands as  
22 opposed to our season which is Federal only that would be  
23 satisfactory to the local communities.

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25 MR. CRATTY: Does the State acknowledge  
26 subsistence use up there? I mean aren't they willing to work  
27 with the people? This herd was down and almost depleted and  
28 it was brought back up, and you know, we went through a lot  
29 to -- I think maybe Della or Paul or somebody should get a  
30 representative to go to the Board of Game and state their  
31 feelings.

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33 MS. TRUMBLE: Can you recommend to the State  
34 that they limit their opening dates? They've got September 1  
35 to 30th, and if they can eliminate that and open it maybe the  
36 November 15th to the March 31st, but can we go in to the  
37 August 1st to September 30th, say on a Federal permit? And  
38 using those figures on harvesting the State opens, and  
39 they've got some ideas on, you know, what's been harvested  
40 and what their limits are going to be.

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42 MR. WILLIS: As I understand the State Game  
43 Board process, anybody can go to the meeting and make a  
44 recommendation of that kind to modify these proposals in any  
45 fashion. I think Paul, you're planning to go aren't you?

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47 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yes, I'm planning on going to  
48 that meeting and maybe somebody from the advisory council.

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50 MS. TRUMBLE: Somebody from the advisory

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1 council, I could pass it on to the advisory council.

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3 MS. DETWILER: There's nothing preventing you  
4 from making a formal recommendation as a Council either.

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6 MR. CRATTY: That's true.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For your information the  
9 Aleut Subsistence and Fisheries Committee voted, both  
10 Proposals 51, 50 and I don't know which proposal for the  
11 brown bear -- opening the brown bear, there's a proposal in  
12 the State that's coming up to open up the brown bear for open  
13 season for non-resident and resident, and we opposed all  
14 three of those proposals. And basically we opposed them  
15 because we felt that the subsistence use by the users in the  
16 community was not being met, for the same reason that you had  
17 brought up. If they're opening it up to non-residents --  
18 non-resident guided hunts then we will oppose because of the  
19 very fact that the herd itself had not come up to what we  
20 felt was a sustainable herd. The same goes for the brown  
21 bear.

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23 So just for your information, we are sending a  
24 representative from the Aleut Corporation, Melvin, to oppose  
25 these proposals by the State. So that's my feelings on the  
26 issue and just to let you know that I'm opposing it and I  
27 think we ought to make a recommendation from this Board that  
28 we oppose any non-resident guided hunts for caribou in 9(D),  
29 10 and for brown bear also.

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31 MR. WILLIS: Mr. Chair, is that -- this  
32 proposal specifically says there's no open season for non-  
33 residents. So it is limited to State residents only.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The proposal above it, I  
36 think it's 50 opens it up to non-residents.

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38 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, there's two of them there.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Proposal 50 opens up the  
41 caribou in 9(D) to non-resident guided hunts.

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43 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yes.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: See what they've done is, it  
46 was all submitted by the same individual. And what he's done  
47 is separated the issue so that he would not have  
48 confrontation from the subsistence users but he's done it in  
49 a manner that, you know, that when one passes, the other one  
50 automatically has to pass because we've already supported

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1 non-resident use.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: I think just to address the  
4 non-resident use. You know, when we had, a couple years ago,  
5 got on this caribou issue and then discussing how do you  
6 limit the non-resident users to not come in -- or to not --  
7 you know, the King Cove Corporation at the time had put into  
8 place a policy just like we do with the bear, that any non-  
9 residents that come in to hunt have to pay \$1,500 to hunt on  
10 our lands. That limits them as far as our lands but we have  
11 no control if they're on Federal lands or State lands.

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13 MR. CRATTY: Or State, yeah.

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15 MS. TRUMBLE: But you know, that's.....

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You know, that's where we  
18 need to go and I think we've discussed this to a point where  
19 we have to make a motion or a direction from the Council as  
20 to how we're going to address Proposal 51. That's the only  
21 one we've brought on the table. And also I'm going to make a  
22 recommendation that we oppose Proposal 50, and I couldn't  
23 remember the number for the brown bear one but I know it's in  
24 there, it's the same verbiage as Proposal 50 but just changes  
25 the species from caribou to brown bear.

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27 MR. GUNDERSEN: I was unaware of that brown  
28 bear proposal, too. I've looked through the booklet and I  
29 can't.....

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I know it's there, Melvin  
32 brought it to my attention prior to coming down here, that he  
33 felt that it was the State undermining our efforts as  
34 subsistence users.

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36 Why don't we take a short break.

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38 (Off record - 9:40 a.m.)

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40 (On record - 9:45 a.m.)

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call the meeting back to  
43 order. Our discussion earlier regarding Proposal 51.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The State proposal.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The State Proposal 51, and we  
48 can't really make any changes to the State's proposal, we can  
49 only make our recommendations to our own proposals, i.e.,  
50 extended season, although we can make a recommendation as a



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1 Board to the State, Department of Fish and Game that we  
2 oppose their recommendations. And as communities and I know  
3 that Paul and maybe, you'll be going also -- I know we'll  
4 have other representatives from other communities, maybe you  
5 can gather and make a proposal change to the State to make it  
6 more in line with what communities need. But as Federal, we  
7 need to be specific in regard to our own hunting seasons,  
8 either extend them or delete the Federal hunting season.

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10 That's the only recommendations we can make as an  
11 advisory board.

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13 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, did you say we can  
14 technically oppose -- we can write a written opposition of  
15 the State's proposal from this Board?

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We can recommend to oppose  
18 the proposal that's been presented.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: I see.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We can't really make  
23 recommendations that would change the season or the dates of  
24 hunts. We either oppose it or we support it. And as  
25 individuals or like advisory councils from your communities,  
26 you can make recommendations to the Department of Fish and  
27 Game with reasoning for closing and opening specific dates.

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29 MS. TRUMBLE: So.....

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We can do what they do to our  
32 proposals, they oppose it or they don't and the reason they  
33 oppose it, they give.

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35 MS. TRUMBLE: Then I'm going to make a motion  
36 that we oppose this and send a written notice to the State on  
37 Proposal 51.

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39 MR. WILLIS: Fifty and 51.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Fifty and 51 because.....

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43 MR. WILLIS: It was caribou in Unit 9(D).

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do I hear a second?

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47 MR. GUNDERSEN: I'll second.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All those in favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Opposed.

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5 (No opposing responses)

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries for the  
8 reasoning that Kodiak Aleutians opposes this, that it opens  
9 the seasons for non-resident and resident hunters and it  
10 conflicts with our Federal opening on Federal lands for  
11 subsistence hunts.

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13 What's next.

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15 MR. GUNDERSEN: I want to ask Bob a question.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Paul.

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19 MR. GUNDERSEN: I was thinking after we had  
20 that little discussion about dropping that first portion of  
21 -- a way to present this to the State at the Game Board  
22 meeting, and suggesting we drop that one portion of it and  
23 then in the latter part of the season in November through  
24 March 30th or whatever it is, if we could somehow restrict  
25 the season. In the Cold Bay area, what happened in the past  
26 -- it happened in the past, is that Reeves would give these  
27 reduced rates and hunting packages out at Cold Bay when the  
28 caribou herd was down in there through the latter part of  
29 January and February, into March, and there would be a big  
30 influx of people coming out of the -- State hunters coming  
31 out of Anchorage, going down there and hunting right out of  
32 the -- right off the airport. If we could control that --  
33 that's all on Federal lands, if we could control that  
34 somehow, have that section closed down during that period of  
35 time or something. If we could work something out in that  
36 fashion so that.....

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38 MR. WILLIS: You can submit a proposal to do  
39 that. Even in the winter period, that's a problem with  
40 people coming in from outside.

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42 MR. GUNDERSEN: Oh, yeah, whenever they had  
43 that season and over the years, that's what happened to a lot  
44 of the caribou. During the winter time when everything is  
45 depressed and Reeves is looking to make some money, too,  
46 they'd come up with these packages. For \$400 you could fly  
47 to Cold Bay and spend four days and get your four caribou.  
48 And you know, they'd have airplane loads of people coming out  
49 and doing that all the way up until they ended -- until the  
50 caribou moved back out of there. They'd usually show up down

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1 there about, oh, about the latter part of January, all  
2 through February and into the early part of March and then  
3 they'd move back up the coast again.

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5 MR. WILLIS: Certainly that's something that  
6 the Council could recommend. Obviously we're too late in  
7 this session, but as a special action between now and when  
8 the season opens next year, you know, sometime during the  
9 summer you could submit that as a special action, to close  
10 Federal lands to non-subsistence caribou hunting during this  
11 period of time, you know, whatever you would recommend,  
12 November through March. Yeah, that's certainly an option.  
13 That would do what you're trying to accomplish.

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15 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, but the people -- still  
16 there'll be a lot of areas open for people, even the local  
17 people out of Cold Bay.....

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On State lands.

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21 MR. GUNDERSEN: You hunt State lands to get  
22 over.....

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24 MR. WILLIS: It wouldn't effect the State  
25 season at all.

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27 MR. GUNDERSEN: No.

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29 MR. WILLIS: You could still -- yeah, local  
30 people can still hunt State lands under State regulation.

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32 MR. GUNDERSEN: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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34 MR. WILLIS: And Federal lands. But non-  
35 local people would not be able to hunt the Federal lands.  
36 They could still hunt the State lands.

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38 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah.

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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42 MR. WILLIS: But not the Federal lands.

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44 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, but see what that would  
45 do, then they would have to hire somebody to haul them out of  
46 there so that it would just defeat the purpose of them going  
47 in under.....

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Actually that would work out  
50 good. Because you'll stop the non-users on -- residents on

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1 Federal lands. We'd stop that. And there's not a whole lot  
2 in the area of State lands. And the corporate lands, which  
3 is the private lands, we can all cover that ourselves.

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5 MR. GUNDERSEN: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So you'll work that out with  
10 a written proposal or recommendation to Bob then, between the  
11 two of you write something up so that he can word it in such  
12 a way that the target is to close Federal lands to non-  
13 residents, if that's what I'm understanding, right, during a  
14 certain period of time?

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16 MR. GUNDERSEN: Just that certain period of  
17 time.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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21 MR. GUNDERSEN: Just to protect that -- it  
22 would give added protection to that.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And then write up a proposal  
25 that we can institute in our next meeting, Paul, so we can  
26 get it into process in that time.

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28 MR. WILLIS: You might want to talk to Rick,  
29 too, he knows those lands better than I do, you know.

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31 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yes.

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33 MR. WILLIS: Just to make sure everything's  
34 covered. Mr. Chair, are we through with caribou so we can  
35 move on to Proposal 28?

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes, we'll move on to  
38 Proposal 28.

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40 MR. WILLIS: I'll turn it over to Rachel then  
41 because the first part of that proposal is a customary and  
42 traditional use proposal.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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46 MS. MASON: Actually 28 is just C&T, it's the  
47 brown bear, and 29 is both.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Before we get started, I'd  
50 like to ask the guests to state your name for the record.

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1 MR. PROKOPOWICH: My name is Dave  
2 Prokopowich. I work for Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
3 I'm the Kodiak area management biologist for commercial  
4 salmon and herring fisheries. And Len Schwarz, he'll be  
5 here. He's a Kodiak area sport fish biologist for the  
6 Department.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay, thank you. Okay,  
9 Rachel.

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11 MS. MASON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is  
12 Proposal 28 which was submitted by this Regional Council and  
13 it's requesting a C&T determination for brown bear, Units  
14 9(D) and 10, for the residents of Units 9(D) and 10. This  
15 proposal was originally submitted last year and it was  
16 combined with one that was for other areas of Unit 9 but it  
17 was deferred in order to gather more information, both from  
18 the Regional Council members and also from other residents --  
19 knowledgeable residents of the area.

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21 The current C&T determinations for these areas are in  
22 -- there's a no subsistence determination in Unit 9(D) for  
23 brown bear whereas in Unit 10 there's no determination, so  
24 all rural residents are eligible.

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26 As you may recall from last years proposal, there's  
27 much more information available on subsistence uses of brown  
28 bear for the other parts of the Alaska Peninsula than there  
29 are for Unit 9(D), and the Alutiiq people in Chignik Lake,  
30 Ivanof Bay and Perryville are known for their use of brown  
31 bear but it's less well documented among Aleut people in the  
32 lower Alaska Peninsula. The main additions to last years  
33 proposal come from asking people from these communities what  
34 they recall about uses of brown bear in the past and what  
35 their interests are in participating in a subsistence hunt  
36 also. So Cliff and I called around, I spoke with Della, I  
37 think Cliff talked to Paul, but as far as King Cove is  
38 concerned, residents there remember eating brown bear that  
39 was harvested in the past. And some people used to hunt for  
40 brown bear but have not recently. However, the community  
41 residents are interested in reviving that practice and  
42 participating in a subsistence hunt. In False Pass, again  
43 bears are no longer used for subsistence, although residents  
44 there do recall brown bear being eaten for human consumption,  
45 harvested within the past 20 years. And the same is true in  
46 Nelson Lagoon, that nobody has hunted there for a while, but  
47 there is, in the memory of local residents, there is some  
48 interest in it.

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50 Because there have been few documented harvests, we

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1 don't have too much information specific on the areas. Those  
2 areas that we do know about have been, for the most part,  
3 within 9(D). The harvest that people remembered in Unit 10  
4 were all -- all the people from False Pass remembered some  
5 harvest within Unit 10.

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7 So taking the new information into consideration, our  
8 conclusion was to support, and this is taking into account  
9 that there is very little evidence that subsistence use of  
10 brown bear continues today. The people in that area do  
11 remember it or they remember it in the past 20 years and they  
12 would like to see the practice brought back. So they would  
13 like their own and for subsequent generations to learn about  
14 brown bear subsistence hunting.

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16 So the historical uses and the interest in reviving  
17 the historical practices were the justification for  
18 supporting this proposal.

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20 That's it.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Questions on the C&T factors?

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24 MS. MASON: All the factors are here.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Any questions on these eight  
27 factors -- are they listed?

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: I don't know if Len or if the  
34 other gentleman with ADF&G -- do you want to give comments on  
35 the proposal or just what's been submitted?

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37 MR. PROKOPOWICH: My name is Dave  
38 Prokopowich. And I don't know if we were prepared -- if we  
39 had any questions on status of fish populations on the  
40 Kodiak.

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, okay.

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44 MR. SCHWARZ: That's what we were going to  
45 present.

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47 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, okay.

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49 MR. SCHWARZ: The game biologist didn't come  
50 and so I can't comment on that and neither can Dave on the

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1 game proposals.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. And then for the record  
4 then, Mr. Chairman, ADF&G comments, they oppose Proposal 28.  
5 The Department is unaware of evidence which would support a  
6 positive C&T finding. Those were comments that were  
7 submitted to the office. And there weren't any written  
8 public comments submitted to the office regarding this  
9 proposal.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Staff recommendation is  
12 supporting with the C&T use. Okay, thank you.

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14 MS. MASON: That's it?

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I guess.

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18 MS. MASON: Okay.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If there's no questions from  
21 the Council.

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23 MS. MASON: I'll stay here for a minute.

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25 MR. GUNDERSEN: Do we need a vote or  
26 something on this?

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we're.....

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I have a question, is  
31 there any numbers involved for this or what are you asking  
32 for?

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34 MS. MASON: No, this is just for a C&T  
35 determination. So it's establishing traditional and  
36 customary use.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. They're not looking  
39 at any numbers yet?

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41 MS. MASON: No.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.

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45 MS. MASON: The hunt would be established in  
46 another proposal.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What this does is gives you  
49 some facts regarding the customary and tradition use.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, I make a motion to  
4 accept -- adopt.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion to adopt Proposal 28.  
7 Second.

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9 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second by Al. Discussion.  
12 Hearing none, all those in favor say aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Opposed.

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18 (No opposing responses)

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries. Thank you.

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22 MS. MASON: Going on to 29.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay, Proposal 29.

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26 MS. MASON: This is a two part proposal, it  
27 has both the C&T determination in it and it has a Subpart D  
28 request. So I'll present the material about the C&T request  
29 and after the Council has acted on that one, then Robert will  
30 go on with the Subpart D.

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32 Proposal 29 was submitted by the community of Nelson  
33 Lagoon and it requests a positive C&T for moose in Unit 9(D)  
34 for the residents of Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, King Cove and  
35 False Pass. Currently there's -- no subsistence is the  
36 determination for moose in Unit 9(D). And there were very  
37 few moose in 9(D) until quite recently, they've been  
38 wandering into the unit only in the past two or three years.

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40 However, even before there were any moose in Unit  
41 9(D), there has -- it has been clear that people in the  
42 communities in the lower Alaska Peninsula do use moose and  
43 from Division of Subsistence harvest studies, it's -- the  
44 only communities on the Lower Peninsula, this is on Page 25,  
45 if anybody wants to look at the table, but they were one year  
46 studies so it doesn't tell the total number of moose taken.  
47 But Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon were the only two  
48 communities that showed any harvest of moose during the one  
49 year study. The other communities, King Cove and False Pass,  
50 did show some use of moose but they had not harvested any



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1 according to the subsistence harvest household studies. And  
2 there haven't been any of those in Cold Bay so we don't have  
3 any information on that.

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5 So also it's notable that some Unit 9(D) residents  
6 have reported that they hunt and harvest moose in Unit 9(E).  
7 And those are particularly the residents of Sand Point and  
8 Nelson Lagoon which are the closest to that 9(E) and they've  
9 been -- they've participated in those hunts. Some wild --  
10 use of wild resource areas were mapped for Sand Point  
11 residents, again, by the ADF&G Division of Subsistence, and  
12 they show some harvest areas for moose in the lifetime of the  
13 respondents both in 9(E) and in 9(D).

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15 And again, Cliff and I talked to some people in the  
16 communities to find out about past practices about it. And  
17 Paul Gundersen mentioned that two elderly men had hunted  
18 moose in Unit 9(E) in the past and actually had lived in 9(E)  
19 before they moved to Nelson Lagoon and that's how they  
20 established their practice of doing that.

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22 So in consideration of these historical harvest  
23 practices or very low use of moose, but understanding that  
24 there had been uses in Unit 9(E) in the past the preliminary  
25 conclusion for the C&T request was to modify it. The  
26 modification is to add Cold Bay to the list of communities  
27 that would have a C&T use determination so that the residents  
28 of all the communities of Unit 9(D) would have a positive C&T  
29 in 9(D).

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31 The justification for the C&T request is somewhat  
32 unorthodox. It doesn't go with our usual way of looking at  
33 the C&T request. But if we were just going to be looking at  
34 the uses of moose in Unit 9(D), which is the way that C&Ts  
35 have generally been looked at on a species by species basis,  
36 then moose would not qualify as a subsistence species.  
37 Because people just haven't had an opportunity to develop a  
38 traditional and customary use of it. But the recommendation  
39 for a positive C&T comes, instead from the perspective that  
40 subsistence users are opportunistic and that people develop  
41 uses for wildlife that -- on the basis of what is there. So  
42 that people who have not been previously able to harvest  
43 moose in these hunting areas are actually familiar with moose  
44 and they will use it as it moves into their area. So it's  
45 reasonable to assume that as the moose populations grow, that  
46 traditional uses will be incorporated into the uses of other  
47 species such as caribou.

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49 So there's -- there have been similar moose  
50 migrations elsewhere in the state that moose have migrated

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1 into areas that are previously uninhabited. I gave some  
2 examples from Southeast Alaska. But the main point there is  
3 that in all of those cases, subsistence users have developed  
4 consistent patterns of moose hunting and have incorporated  
5 moose into the variety of resources they use.

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7 So I'll be happy to answer any questions before you  
8 act on this part of the proposal.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Has there been any study at  
11 all as to numbers?

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13 MS. MASON: Of moose?

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

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17 MS. MASON: Well, yes, there have been part  
18 of studies that show a very low number of moose that were  
19 harvested and that's on Page 25, you can see the subsistence  
20 harvest from Division of Subsistence. Are you talking about  
21 the moose population?

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Population numbers?

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25 MS. MASON: Yeah, Robert will address that.

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27 MR. WILLIS: Rick will start.

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29 MR. POETTER: I can give you some latest  
30 information, Chris Dau came down and we had some nice whether  
31 to get a moose survey done of the upper portion of Unit 9(D).  
32 And in essence, we tried to get Vernon Wilson involved in  
33 this -- we were trying to get the second plane down there and  
34 incorporate caribou surveys and stuff but in essence we  
35 weren't able to do that because of the plane -- we couldn't  
36 find pilots and then the weather closed in. But anyway, what  
37 you're most interested in is is the first day of the survey,  
38 and this map shows where he actually got with his flight  
39 paths with observer. And these green highlighted circles are  
40 the moose spottings that he had. And the first day on the  
41 11th, I think it was, had a total of 42 moose, 35 were adult  
42 moose and then there were seven adults with seven calves  
43 throughout this area here.

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45 Then the second day I highlighted in yellow here, the  
46 sightings they had and it's a total of 59 moose through here,  
47 36 of the moose were off by themselves basically and then the  
48 10 other moose had 13 calves. So that came to a total of 101  
49 moose in this area. And Chris had good snow conditions, they  
50 did a lot of coverage of area. He estimated at the most he

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1 only missed 20 percent, so that'd be roughly 120 which would  
2 fit into our 100 to 200 guess -- educated guess as to what it  
3 was based on sightings, doing other surveys. This was actual  
4 survey done for moose and caribou through that area. So  
5 that's the latest we have on it.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you. Questions?  
8 Comments? Paul.

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10 MR. GUNDERSEN: I was looking at where they  
11 had spotted the animals, they're usually closer up into the  
12 Federal lands a majority of the year. But being it's so cold  
13 and everything s this winter's been and as much snow as there  
14 is you can see they're down -- down in the low ends where  
15 they could really actually get a lot better count if they  
16 were up in the valleys. But that was a discussion that  
17 Robert and I have had earlier too about the proposal. I  
18 think that the State's looking at opening a hunt and then  
19 we'd put in a proposal for a subsistence hunt for that part  
20 of the country on Federal lands. So I think that's going to  
21 have to be approached somewhat the same way as we've been  
22 looking at the caribou proposal.

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24 MR. WILLIS: The first thing I wanted to say  
25 is the Council has to decide on who has customary and  
26 traditional use before we even get into a discussion about  
27 establishing a season so that's -- Rachel and I discussed  
28 this and decided probably you should vote on that first and  
29 decide who, if anybody's going to have C&T and then I'll pick  
30 it up and we'll talk about a season and harvest limits.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. The Staff  
33 recommendation at this time is to modify and establish C&T as  
34 determined for moose in 9(D) for residents of Cold Bay, King  
35 Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point and False Pass. The  
36 modification is including Cold Bay?

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38 MS. MASON: Yes, that's the only modification  
39 to the original proposal.

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Any comments on that one  
44 before we act?

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: Just for the record, ADF&G  
47 comments, they oppose Proposal 29. Moose hunting has been  
48 closed in Unit 9 since it was divided into subunits because  
49 of a near absence of moose. The Alaska Board of Game has  
50 made a negative finding regarding C&T uses in this area. And

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1 there was one written public, there has been no legal harvest  
2 of moose for over 20 years, there is no basis for a positive  
3 C&T use decision and a population survey is needed.

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5 That concludes the written public comments that the  
6 office received. And that comment opposed C&T for moose.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. We need a motion to  
9 approve the first part as recommended to establish C&T with  
10 modifications.

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12 MR. GUNDERSEN: I'll make a motion to  
13 support.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Moved by Paul.

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17 MS. TRUMBLE: Second.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Seconded. Discussion.  
20 Hearing none, all those in favor say aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Those opposed.

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26 (No opposing responses)

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries. Now, we'll  
29 discuss Subpart D, is that the intent here? Is that your  
30 intent, Subpart D?

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32 MR. WILLIS: Yes.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On Page 29 is Subpart D  
35 discussion.

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37 MR. WILLIS: As Rick pointed out, we have  
38 about 120 total moose in that area. We don't know what the  
39 composition of the population is because of the lateness of  
40 the count. So we can't say what the bull/cow ratio is, the  
41 number of calves. The fact that that group of animals has  
42 not been hunted, at least legally for quite a few years or  
43 perhaps ever would indicate that there should be a fairly  
44 high bull/cow ratio compared to the rest of Unit 9.

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46 Our recommendation here is that, yeah, we agree with  
47 the State that there's enough moose there to harvest,  
48 probably 10 animals -- 10 bulls out of that group without any  
49 problem.

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1           The problem is that the majority of them are on State  
2 controlled lands and the Federal lands are pretty far removed  
3 from the area. As you can see from the map there, the area  
4 outlined in yellow is the Federal land and everything else is  
5 under State regulatory jurisdiction.

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7           Our recommendation here would be to oppose a Federal  
8 only hunt and try work to work with the State to get a hunt  
9 that would be satisfactory to the local communities just as  
10 we talked about doing with the caribou. I discussed that  
11 with Dick Sellers also back in late November or early  
12 December and the possibility of not opening a season until  
13 November when -- as with the caribou, all the non-local  
14 people had pretty much pulled out and making it -- and that  
15 would essentially provide opportunity for locals without  
16 competition. And our idea was and I discussed this with Rick  
17 and he's agreeable that the Refuge can go around to the  
18 communities with the State drawing materials and make sure  
19 that everybody gets those in the community, understands how  
20 to fill them out and send them in and that would probably  
21 result in the local people getting most, if not all of those  
22 10 permits under the State regulations.

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24           So that's what we're proposing at this time to not  
25 establish a Federal season which would be limited to the  
26 Federal lands only but to go with the State recommendation of  
27 10 animals by drawing permit but to modify the season to make  
28 it a winter season and then make sure that the local people  
29 all have the materials they need to apply for those permits.

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31           MR. TUTIAKOFF: Any comments regarding the  
32 Subpart D?

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34           MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, I think that's the only  
35 way it's going to work.

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37           MR. TUTIAKOFF: At least that looks like a  
38 move to make it happen. If a count is done the following  
39 year and shows an increase in Federal properties and  
40 accessible, then I think a recommendation from this Board  
41 should go forward for a subsistence. But at this time I  
42 think it's a good recommendation to work for the State and  
43 acquire a subsistence hunt under the State program. That's  
44 what they're recommending.

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46           MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, I believe talking with  
47 Bob and the other biologists and stuff, I think we should be  
48 able to work something out where the timing of the season  
49 will work out favorable both for the communities and the  
50 department. And like he pointed out, there really hasn't

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1 been any composition counts on this herd so they really don't  
2 know -- you know, they don't want to take too many animals  
3 off the bat so that 10 animals is working in your -- that 10  
4 percent range of the bulls so that should be.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A motion to.....

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8 MR. CRATTY: Make a motion to accept -- or  
9 what Robert supported.

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11 MR. WILLIS: Support the Staff  
12 recommendation.

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14 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, support the Staff  
15 recommendation.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Support Staff recommendation  
18 regarding the Subpart D request?

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20 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do I hear a second?

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24 MR. GUNDERSEN: (By Hand up)

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second by Paul. Discussion.  
27 Hearing none, all those in favor say aye.

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29 IN UNISON: Aye.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Those opposed.

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33 (No opposing responses)

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries. Thank you.  
36 Our next item on the agenda here is -- where are we on the  
37 agenda?

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39 COURT REPORTER: 8(A).

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 8(A)?

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43 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Izembek National Wildlife  
46 Refuge, we have Rick Poetter.

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48 MR. POETTER: Mr. Chairman and respective  
49 Council members, I guess -- you know, we've had a chance to  
50 meet and talk already but I wanted to just come introduce

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1 myself. I'm Rick Poetter. I'm the new Refuge manager for  
2 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. I reported there in  
3 November of last year and just getting my feet on the ground,  
4 getting a feel for what it's like out on the very southern  
5 tip of the Peninsula. And, of course, also we administer the  
6 Unimak Island area for the Alaska Maritime Refuge and the  
7 Pavlof Unit for the Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuge.

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9 And of course, you may not know but I worked, from  
10 1989 through '96 up on the Alaska Peninsula in Becharof  
11 National Wildlife Refuge as the Deputy Project leader, so I  
12 do have a little bit of experience on the Peninsula which I  
13 think is really giving me a helping hand in understanding,  
14 you know, what's going on out there so hopefully I'll be up  
15 to speed fairly quickly.

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17 I moved in '96, late in the year to Hawaii, and just  
18 to give you a little bit of history of where I come from and  
19 my background. I moved there to take the -- be the Deputy  
20 Refuge Supervisor for over 14 refuges in Hawaii and  
21 throughout the Pacific Islands. It covered all the way from  
22 Guam to American Samoa and including all the main Hawaiian  
23 Islands and the Northwest Hawaiian Islands which included out  
24 to midway so a pretty extensive area. We had 48 staff  
25 members working for us out there. Our primary role out there  
26 was dealing with seabirds and endangered species from forest  
27 birds to endangered water birds, so pretty nice area to work.  
28 Good climate, but my wife and I have moved back to Cold Bay  
29 and we're thrilled to be back in Alaska, we missed it. You  
30 know, Hawaii is nice but -- it's a good place to visit but  
31 you don't want to live there.

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33 So in essence, as I mentioned, my wife and I are in  
34 Cold Bay. I have a daughter's that's graduated from the  
35 University, she studied two years in Fairbanks and then went  
36 to a University in Washington State. And she's working her  
37 way for a permanent job some place, her degree's in political  
38 science with emphasis in women's study. And my son is a --  
39 my only other offspring is up at the University of Alaska,  
40 Fairbanks. He's studying fisheries management and so some  
41 day in the future maybe we'll see him working for the Federal  
42 government or the State, we'll see.

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44 I got 23 years of Federal service time in. I've  
45 worked exclusively in wildlife refuges across the country. I  
46 started in eastern Washington State and moved to Virginia and  
47 worked out there, four years on the coast. I worked in North  
48 Dakota. Nebraska. Then Alaska, Hawaii and back to Alaska.

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50 That's just a quick summary of who I am, where I'm

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1 from. Our staff at the present time at the Izembek Wildlife  
2 Refuge Complex is myself, the assistant Refuge manager, Ray  
3 Portwood, who you met at the last meeting that you had.  
4 Wildlife biologist and pilot, Mike Roy. And maintenance  
5 worker John Mack, who's been living in the Aleutians for  
6 quite some time, Adak and Cold Bay. And an administrative  
7 technician, Tracy Schaffer. One of the things that I noticed  
8 working on the Alaska Peninsula Refuge was we really lacked  
9 for first -- the first few years I was there, a real  
10 connection with the villages and the people out there. And  
11 so we instituted the refuge information technician program  
12 and we solicited for hiring of one individual and ended up  
13 with so many qualified applicants that we actually selected  
14 three, Shirley Kelly, John Knutsen and Orville Lind. And the  
15 value of those folks to the program to provide liaison  
16 between the villages and the Refuge, it was phenomenal.

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18 And so I've gotten permission to institute the same  
19 kind of an operation down on our area. So what I'm throwing  
20 out is by fall I'd like to hire a local representative,  
21 hopefully somebody from King Cove or Nelson Lagoon that would  
22 work for us, whether it be year-round or just during the off  
23 season from commercial fishing like they do up north. And  
24 you know, help us with our -- to improve communications  
25 between everybody. So if you'd just pass the word around and  
26 anybody that has -- you know, that you might find that has an  
27 interest, if you'd just have them give me a call. I'm right  
28 in the developmental stage of it right now trying to put  
29 position descriptions together and come up with, you know,  
30 what the salary and all that would be. But in a nutshell,  
31 that's sort of what I'm looking for. And I think it's a real  
32 good way to do business. And the duties of the individual  
33 would be, of course, that would be primary to come to the  
34 villages, do house visits, home visits to explain, you know,  
35 what we're up to and then solicit feedback and comments as to  
36 where we should be heading and doing. Ideally, you know, if  
37 we had this person on board, that'd be the individual who'd  
38 go out and help people fill out the registration hunt permits  
39 and get that going. Those are the key functions of a  
40 position like that.

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42 In addition, we need somebody to go to the schools  
43 and help the kids, you know, with the goose calendar contest  
44 and various programs like that. Also help run our Frosty  
45 Peat Field Camp, which we are going to have again for the  
46 second year. We bring in youths throughout the villages and  
47 hold basically an environmental camp, you know, go through a  
48 lot of -- like water quality studies and invertebrates, fish  
49 and the little wildlife and stuff. I wasn't here last year,  
50 obviously, for that but I understand it was pretty extensive



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1 and a good program. So hopefully it will be a success again.  
2 We requested funding for it again this year and we did get  
3 about \$8,000 to fly the kids to the area and put on the  
4 program. Fly in instructors, et cetera.

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6 I mentioned about the goose calendar contest, which  
7 you're probably all aware of so I won't go into details about  
8 it. But the changes this year for the students is that the  
9 contest is being judged locally first. It used to go state  
10 wide and then that was pretty much it. So all the schools,  
11 you know, like the village -- kids in King Cove or Cold Bay  
12 or Nelson Lagoon would compete against all the villages in  
13 western Alaska for this art work and literature contest.  
14 Well, this year it's changed because there's been so many  
15 entries and stuff that it's gone down to a more of a local  
16 level and the judging, we've talked the Aleutians East  
17 Borough Council or assembly members into being judges at  
18 their next meeting in the next couple weeks. And so that's a  
19 really good way to get representation throughout the area.

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21 But in essence, that's how the contest will be and  
22 then we'll have the local winners. And then those winners  
23 will go on up into the State arena, so hopefully we'll have a  
24 lot of kids from your villages moving on up the line. I know  
25 the responses from the teachers has been higher than previous  
26 years because it was such a competitive thing before, they  
27 just felt like, no, it's hard to compete. So I think it's a  
28 big plus for them.

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30 And I covered the moose and caribou surveys that we  
31 tried to do. In essence, I guess I'm just available for any  
32 questions that you might have.

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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Rick, I know you just started  
35 working in Cold Bay, but the thing is, I guess, what is the  
36 policy or do you know or maybe Bob knows, when during the  
37 bird season and the guys are flying around trying to do their  
38 studies on how many birds are here or how many birds are  
39 there, what is the policy on them flying and buzzing over  
40 these birds and over the top of the hunters? That is the  
41 largest complaint, I just hear numerous and numerous times,  
42 that people I know in King Cove that go over to hunt and then  
43 the guys buzzing over them and the birds are flying, you  
44 know, I -- I feel if I was a hunter and I'm out to hunt, I  
45 don't -- you know, there's got to be some ways of controlling  
46 how you're doing that so it doesn't effect the hunters to the  
47 point that it does.

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49 MR. POETTER: Normally a survey would not  
50 repeat an overflight. In other words, there might be one

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1 disturbance and then they go off to another area but they  
2 don't repeat flights in the same areas.

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4 MS. TRUMBLE: I mean what you guys are  
5 studies. You're flying over these birds and buzzing them,  
6 what is the policy? What are you doing?

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8 MR. CRATTY: Trying to scare the birds.

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10 MS. TRUMBLE: I know that. That's my  
11 thoughts, thank you.

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13 MR. POETTER: Well, we do have to fly low,  
14 it's generally around 300 feet to get -- especially if we're  
15 doing the ducks then you got to get real low. The geese you  
16 can stay a little higher. But normally it's just one pass  
17 through an area and you count those birds and then you go to  
18 another one. What you're trying to do when you're flying is,  
19 obviously, the birds are all flushing, and they're going to  
20 be moving as you're flying so you sort of keep an eye as to  
21 where they're going to land. And they've got transects that  
22 we follow.

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24 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, but do you do this on a  
25 daily basis, a couple of times a day?

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27 MR. POETTER: Oh, no. No.

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29 MS. TRUMBLE: I mean it's got to be done  
30 numerous times in my mind because I just hear this complaint  
31 from so many different groups of people to the point they  
32 just are totally frustrated. And that is a lot of what some  
33 of the reason that people, I know in the community of King  
34 Cove, don't like to hunt on the Refuge. Sometimes they feel  
35 to the point that -- you know, I've gotten a lot of  
36 complaints that they actually feel harassed.

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38 And I feel very -- you know, in my mind I don't think  
39 that's right.

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41 MR. POETTER: No.

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: I think, you know, I want to go  
44 hunt I want to enjoy myself and get what I need for my  
45 family. I don't think -- I guess if there is any way you can  
46 control some of that so it's not such an unpleasant  
47 experience for the people in our community or in any of the  
48 other communities. I'd like to see something done about it.

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50 MR. POETTER: Well, I'll sure take a look at

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1 it. I know Pete hunts there.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I hunt there at least  
4 one week a year, sometimes two. And I usually see a plane  
5 maybe only once.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: I hear it a lot.

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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, it might be my timing.

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11 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I go there pretty earlier so  
14 maybe they do more surveys as the birds move in, I don't  
15 know.

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17 MR. POETTER: I'll definitely keep an eye on  
18 it this coming season and try to limit that.

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20 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, you're speaking about  
21 that liaison working between the Department and the  
22 communities.....

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24 MR. POETTER: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. GUNDERSEN: .....and I know the last  
27 couple of years Greg had a pretty high profile when he was  
28 working the operations and it seemed to work out real well.  
29 He came into the community and he met with the people and  
30 started a rapport. People go to understand where he was  
31 coming from and he was listening to their needs. So if you  
32 could do something like that to establish that type of  
33 contact with the communities and the dialogue, it may help  
34 clear up some of these problems like Della's just brought up.

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36 MR. POETTER: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. GUNDERSEN: But I found that to be real  
39 helpful. And in a continuation with a liaison, like you're  
40 saying, after the initial contact and everybody knows where  
41 you're coming from.

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43 MR. POETTER: No, don't get me wrong, I  
44 wasn't advocating that individual be the only one out there.

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46 MR. GUNDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

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48 MR. POETTER: I definitely intend to go.....

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50 MR. GUNDERSEN: No, I was actually supporting

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1 what you were saying.

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3 MR. POETTER: Yeah.

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5 MR. GUNDERSEN: I believe it's a good idea.

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7 MR. POETTER: And I apologize, I really  
8 wanted to try to get out during this winter season to all the  
9 villages and just sit down and let people talk at me and get  
10 their impressions and I just haven't had the opportunity to  
11 do that yet. I'm still trying to but we'll see. That's a  
12 good point.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you, Rick. And I'm  
15 sure that communication between communities in the Peninsula  
16 will increase and I hope it's positively and you work with  
17 the advisory groups that are out there, I'm sure you will be.

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19 MR. POETTER: I'm going to do my best to be  
20 at all of your meetings because I think it's important that I  
21 come to these.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Great.

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25 MR. POETTER: In fact I was going to law  
26 enforcement training and I cancelled it this week so I could  
27 be here.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Great. Do we have any more  
30 questions or concerns? No. Thank you, Rick.

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32 MR. POETTER: Feel free to stop in or give me  
33 a call any time.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thanks for being here.

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37 MR. POETTER: Appreciate it, thanks.

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39 MS. TRUMBLE: Thanks.

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41 MR. GUNDERSEN: Thanks.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think we'll call for a  
44 break at this time for five minutes and then we'll switch  
45 Chairs and get back into gear again.

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47 (Note for the record - Ivan Lukin arrived 10:25 a.m.)

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49 (Note for the record - Chairman Olsen arrived 10:31 a.m.)

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1 (Off record - 10:35)

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3 (On record - 10:50)

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm going to turn the Chair  
6 over to Mark Olsen, our Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Vince for changing Chairs  
9 in the middle of the meeting.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We always do that.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Number 1, I apologize here for my  
14 absence. I was just packing so many irons that I could  
15 hardly pack them up to keep them all warm, but at any rate I  
16 did make it here this morning and it looked like things were  
17 carried on pretty well here. I thought I'd be an observer  
18 but Vince has shuffled me up here to take over.

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20 As to the request here it was brought to my attention  
21 that the adoption of the minutes of the October 14th, '98  
22 meeting were not reviewed and adopted. So if we could go  
23 back to the minutes, October 14th under Tab Q.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I so move.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a correction or just  
32 maybe a correction to the minutes. I had left the meeting  
33 prior to old business and appointed Mike Swetzof to sit in my  
34 seat as an alternate and I thought it should be noted just  
35 for the record.

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37 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, one other addition  
38 there, I was present at that meeting and I don't see my name  
39 in the members present or members absent list so what  
40 happened?

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, he's sitting right  
43 next to you, the guy you need to talk to about that, Cliff.  
44 So we would like to add Paul Gundersen to the members  
45 present. And a notation here that Mike sat in for Vince.

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47 Any other additions, corrections or changes?

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call for a question.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's being called.  
2 All those in favor signify by aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same.

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8 (No opposing responses)

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries. Minutes of  
11 October 14th adopted.

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13 Back down to old business, under B, Kodiak National  
14 Wildlife Refuge. I understand that Mr. Stovall is not able  
15 to be with us this morning?

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: He's on emergency leave and  
18 we don't have anybody from the Refuge to make discussion.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Any questions or  
21 anything that we'd like to.....

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I had none, no, Mr. Chair,  
24 unless other members did.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, then that takes us to  
29 ADF&G. I see we have some folks here from ADF&G, Dave, is  
30 there words of wisdom here.

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32 MR. PROKOPOWICH: I believe all the ADF&G  
33 comments here pertain to basically all the game issues. And  
34 we were only really prepared, Len Schwarz and myself, is only  
35 really prepared for if you had any questions on the status of  
36 fish populations or the fish, salmon or herring fisheries.  
37 We weren't prepared, from our standpoint, to address any of  
38 the game issues.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: How should we handle that?  
41 Is there any questions or discussions or concerns?

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43 MR. LUKIN: Ivan Lukin. One, planted fish on  
44 the returns haven't been looking that good in the last couple  
45 years so I was wondering if you guys could maybe look into  
46 that and see what you can do to pick it up for us?

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48 MR. SCHWARZ: Yeah, you know what we can do,  
49 and I just checked in my report here. On the cohos, they've  
50 been stocking 163,000 cohos up in Crescent Lake pretty

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1 consistent. But you know, that's Kodiak Aquaculture  
2 Association who's doing it, that's not the State of Alaska.  
3 It's a private corporation and they're doing it free of  
4 charge as a community service. I think they also stocked  
5 some cohos over at Ouzinkie. And Larry Malloy is the  
6 president of that or executive president, I think. And I  
7 don't have the figures on the sockeye, but you know what I  
8 can do is I'll relay your concerns to Larry and say, hey, you  
9 guys haven't noticed the last -- I think it's been two years  
10 now that the cohos haven't showed up real good. Dave, did  
11 you hear about the sockeye or.....

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13 MR. PROKOPOWICH: I believe the sockeye has  
14 still been fairly productive here in June.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, the sockeye was pretty  
17 good last year.

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19 MR. PROKOPOWICH: But the coho, I think what  
20 may have changed on the coho is even though the numbers that  
21 they're putting in the lake up here are -- it's been the  
22 same, they've been stocking them on smaller fish. So that  
23 may -- they must not be getting the survival that they did  
24 when they were stocking pretty small -- or a lot healthier  
25 fry. I think what they were running into is maybe stocking  
26 too many locations. They didn't have no raceways or the  
27 capacity to rear the fish longer at Kitoi.

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29 So that would be something -- I know when I talked to  
30 Larry Malloy, the Aquaculture Association president or  
31 director, he -- hopefully they'll be working on either  
32 reducing the numbers and making them bigger. But we  
33 certainly noticed the same thing, what you're talking about,  
34 the coho runs here have been -- into the harbor, the last two  
35 years have been really pretty weak.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Ivan, I have talked to --  
38 every year I talk to Larry Malloy about it and he -- talk  
39 about the numbers and returns and stuff, so I told him  
40 there's definitely been a decline in the coho the last two  
41 years.

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43 MR. PROKOPOWICH: I don't know what's  
44 happened at Ouzinkie, if they've seen the same similar  
45 decline. I haven't heard on the Katmai Creek, how well  
46 that's doing.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think that was down, too.

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50 MR. PROKOPOWICH: I think it ties in with the

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1 size of fry that they're stocking in the lake.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The funny part about it is  
4 it seems like some of the natural runs are picking up and  
5 these planted ones are declining, so I don't know what the  
6 deal is there.

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8 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Yeah.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Maybe they're moving.

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12 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Well, I think that  
13 stocking's helped take a lot of the pressure off Barbara and  
14 some of these other smaller systems. Like three and four  
15 years ago and the last five years so the escapement life is  
16 -- it probably, you know, three and four years ago we've been  
17 getting a little bit better escapement than normally and  
18 that's been paying off.

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20 Hopefully you can get something straightened out  
21 because that looked like a pretty nice deal to see all these  
22 silvers jumping right out your front window.

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24 MR. SCHWARZ: You know, I could at least ask  
25 Larry to prepare a table. I've got a table here but it just  
26 shows numbers for cohos. If he could prepare a table for  
27 sockeye and for cohos and also the size that they're stocking  
28 them at. And on the road system I told you at our last  
29 meeting, I really noticed when we drop down to like .4 grams,  
30 the survival is almost -- you almost shouldn't even do it.  
31 But if you get them up over a gram, they seem like they'll  
32 survive good. And since this is mainly a thing that is  
33 respecting Port Lions, I mean where should you -- if he could  
34 type something up for you guys, where would you like it  
35 mailed to, to your City office or to the Council or, you  
36 know, just so I -- you know, I can't guarantee Larry will do  
37 it for you but I could sure ask him and where would you like  
38 the response, you know, so you have something in writing.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Both the City and the Tribal  
41 offices.

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43 MR. SCHWARZ: Send it to the City and Tribal  
44 office, send it around?

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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48 MR. SCHWARZ: Okay.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is there any other questions



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1 or concerns? I have a concern, don't know quite how to go  
2 about it. It has to do with the subsistence fishing in the  
3 Buskin River area. Difficult, as I understand it, that the  
4 State manages inside the markers and it if Federal  
5 jurisdiction outside the markers as they are Federal waters.  
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7 Now, the concern I have is that there is basically no  
8 regulation for subsistence out there. There is no regulation  
9 as far as how close somebody can set their net and this has  
10 really become a concern here I was noticing this year. You  
11 might get up at 5:00 a.m., to get out there and get a good  
12 spot and by noon, there is all kinds of people out there and  
13 what can you do if they come out and set their net directly  
14 right in front of you? By law? There's nothing in the  
15 books. And it's creating a real havoc and I feel that if  
16 there isn't some regulations on how to administrate this  
17 taking out there that we can have some real potential  
18 conflicts.  
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20 I know it's been my intent to put a proposal in to  
21 make that area a subsistence area only. I know that there's  
22 going to be some flack on it, but I feel that the State has  
23 taken the first letter and made sport fishing areas only,  
24 where in the past they have harvested subsistence, mainly  
25 looking at the Chehofka Cove (ph) and Mill Bay that are close  
26 to Kodiak.  
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28 So at this point, I really don't know where to take  
29 it. If this should be taken up in front of this Council  
30 since I'm under the understanding that the outside -- the  
31 markers on this is Federal jurisdiction, inside the markers  
32 are State jurisdiction as it's the Buskin Park area.  
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34 The other thing there that I'd like to mention is I  
35 don't know how well they keep up on the markers but when the  
36 River changes according to our winter storms, I know last  
37 spring the mouth of the River and the marker couldn't have  
38 been more than a 100 yards maximum, if even that. So there's  
39 a concern.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: When you say, nets, are you  
42 saying subsistence and commercial are both in that area?  
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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, just the subsistence  
45 nets.  
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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All subsistence?  
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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.  
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Then why are you saying that  
2 they only make it for a subsistence use only when that's all  
3 that's there anyway? I mean there's just too many of them?  
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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, there's a lot of sport  
6 fishing that occurs there and there's the salmon.....  
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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Both?  
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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....commercial taking in  
11 that area as well.  
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh. I'm just trying to  
14 understand the situation.  
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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: My point is that the  
17 subsistence taking, I feel that they have already taken away  
18 several subsistence areas, I believe through the sport  
19 fishing only areas. And I feel it's crunching down as I can  
20 see more and more people are starting to buy nets and boats  
21 and of course, Buskin is where they all -- the easiest  
22 access.  
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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How big an area are you  
25 talking about, from what point to what point?  
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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're probably talking a  
28 quarter of a mile area.  
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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think that a proposal can  
31 come from this Council recommending a subsistence only  
32 between certain times, from whenever the season is that  
33 you're recommending, a date to date, Point A to Point B  
34 locations. We've done that with areas on the Chain,  
35 specifically the Unalaska district, where they're allowed  
36 only subsistence fishing between Point A and Point B between  
37 this time and that time, between 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.,  
38 and after that it's open to sports fishing.  
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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Currently the.....  
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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I mean that is being done  
43 now.  
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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Currently the time frame is  
46 sun up to sun down on the Federal side. The other thing here  
47 with Buskin, too, it does have all species of salmon, so in  
48 the spring time it's certainly targeted on the reds, which  
49 you get incidental catch on kings. The summer doesn't seem  
50 to hot and heavy but certainly a lot of vessels come in there

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1 to take the humpies if anybody's buying them. And then of  
2 course we have the fall coho run which is another one that  
3 attracts a lot of people.

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5 Yes.

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7 MR. WAGNER: And so how often is.....

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9 COURT REPORTER: Wait a minute.....

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11 MR. WAGNER: Robert Wagner.

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13 COURT REPORTER: Thank you. I just need your  
14 name for the record.

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16 MR. WAGNER: How often is the commercial  
17 fishing open in that area?

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe it's part of the  
20 area opening wide. I see it's mainly looked at during the  
21 July -- during the humpy run, a lot of boats -- not a lot of  
22 boats but this year there was a lot of humpies in that area  
23 and I'm not so concerned about the loss of.....

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25 MR. WAGNER: Would it be easier then to maybe  
26 move commercial fishing markers a little further out so they  
27 wouldn't be so involved with the gillnetters?

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me.

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31 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Dave Prokopowich. There's  
32 no -- right now, under that northeast district management  
33 plan, those commercial fisheries, there's no commercial  
34 fishery that occurs in Chiniak Bay before July 6. So there's  
35 no directed commercial activity on that sockeye run in the  
36 Buskin, it's an early run, it starts by mid to late May and  
37 runs mainly through June and early July.

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39 As far as the closed waters, I believe when the  
40 Federal subsistence regulations got adopted, they adopted  
41 like pretty much the State closures. There was -- that  
42 closed waters there at the Buskin was mainly because of the  
43 high use because of the population of Kodiak, they had the  
44 same cold waters, those are commercial markers even though  
45 there wasn't any commercial opening at the time. And I think  
46 that applied also to -- that's why I show half the coho --  
47 and those other areas, that was closed areas to commercial  
48 fishing and it was like a blanket regulation for Chiniak Bay  
49 for -- subsistence fishing had the same closed water  
50 boundaries as commercial.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But on the same respect, it  
4 did allow sports fishing. I mean I see the sport fishing  
5 areas in Chehofka Cove and Mill Bay.

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7 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Under the current State  
8 regulation, yeah, they're open to sport fishing.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Only. No subsistence  
11 allowed in those areas as far as I can see it.

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13 MR. PROKOPOWICH: No.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Just one second  
16 Vince, Al was next here.

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18 MR. CRATTY: I was just wondering, do you  
19 guys realize the problem that's out there with the gillnets  
20 and there's nothing you can do about it?

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22 MR. POETTER: There's -- there's.....

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24 MR. CRATTY: You don't have jurisdiction over  
25 it because of.....

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27 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Right now, I believe the  
28 subsistence regulations have been so -- I mean they've been  
29 so liberal, like Mark was getting at, we haven't -- there  
30 hasn't even been a minimum distance between gear, and a lot  
31 of that had to do with -- it wasn't so much they weren't  
32 running into the -- maybe you got a different class of people  
33 now out subsistence fishing, they don't have as much respect  
34 for somebody's -- you know, maybe it's time for, on certain  
35 locations, maybe to have some kind of minimum distance  
36 between gear. But on the subsistence, I think it's been so  
37 liberal that, you know, you can round-haul with your gill  
38 net, you can -- if you go out with another person, sometimes  
39 they'll build a trap off the end of somebody else's net. I  
40 mean it's a pretty innovative way to -- whatever you can do  
41 to get a fish to get stuck in your net.

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43 But it sounds like it's getting to a point out there  
44 it's competitive enough, the fishery at the Buskin, that  
45 people come out there and they don't have the respect as  
46 somebody else does, a minimum distance, they just go out  
47 there and try and cork you and then leave.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is it.....

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, would that have to  
2 come from the State or Federal if you wanted to make a  
3 regulation on the distance between nets?  
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5 MR. PROKOPOWICH: It can come from either  
6 one. The Federal one would apply to -- because right now  
7 it's open for Federal subsistence users on Kodiak. Everybody  
8 within the Kodiak Island Borough except for the U.S. Coast  
9 Guard Base, that's the exception. And so anyone of those  
10 individuals can fish at the Buskin and then it's a 24 hour a  
11 day fishery whereas if you're just under a State permit, it's  
12 like 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. But your local Kodiak residents  
13 of the island, they get 24 hours a day at the Buskin. But  
14 there's no -- either way there's no minimum distance between  
15 gear.  
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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Whether it's lack of -- like  
18 you say -- I just feel it's ignorance, most of them coming  
19 out there. They look at the reg books and having no regs as  
20 far as addressing that, I don't know, there's so many new  
21 user groups coming out there these days, it's quite evident  
22 to see that they have not participated in any type of those  
23 fisheries before.  
24

25 Yes, sir.  
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27 MR. SCHWARZ: One thing I wanted to do is  
28 just to, informational purposes, that the Buskin is entirely  
29 on Federal land. The State park is there but it's there  
30 under lease from the Coast Guard, which is Federal. And the  
31 Buskin, I think, can prove to be a very interesting case  
32 jurisdictionally because the Buskin is Federal land and  
33 therefore, the regulations that the Federal government makes  
34 regarding subsistence could apply there. However, it even  
35 gets more complicated because it's a military reserve. And I  
36 can't give you the in-depth scoop on this but as a military  
37 reserve, the Commander has certain rights to actually set  
38 hunting and fishing regulations above other entities. So I  
39 don't know where that's going to fall out.  
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41 But the Buskin is an interesting case because that  
42 river is on Federal land. The river is on Federal lands.  
43 All the salt water out there is from the old Navy Reserve.  
44 So that's -- that's Federal waters along the base. So the  
45 jurisdiction is there, it's not State. I think that's about  
46 the only thing I wanted to say.  
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48 MS. DETWILER: Is it military land or is it  
49 within the Refuge?  
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1 MR. SCHWARZ: It's military.

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3 MS. DETWILER: It is?

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5 MR. SCHWARZ: It's not within the Refuge.

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7 MS. DETWILER: Okay, in that case, the Buskin  
8 would not come under Federal subsistence fishing regulations  
9 because it's not within a conservation system unit like the  
10 Refuge. So the Buskin wouldn't qualify.

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12 MR. SCHWARZ: So it wouldn't even though it's  
13 Federal land?

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15 MS. DETWILER: A decision was made back at  
16 the beginning of the Federal program that military lands  
17 don't qualify for the subsistence priority. So the Buskin  
18 would be totally out of the Federal subsistence fishery  
19 regulations.

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21 MR. SCHWARZ: Oh.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I hadn't mentioned but this  
24 was one thing that I did go looking for some answers on. The  
25 basic answer I was given as I explained earlier was that  
26 inside the markers is State regulated because it is a  
27 government institution, but outside the markers it is Federal  
28 regulation. So that kind of -- I would guess the proposal  
29 for any regulation, since we fish outside the markers would  
30 come from the Federal side.

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32 MS. DETWILER: But even though the land  
33 outside the marker -- the river outside of the markers is not  
34 managed by the State, I'm presuming it's managed by the  
35 military, so it wouldn't come under Federal regulations. And  
36 even if you were to submit a proposal to the Federal Board  
37 for fisheries regulations, now is not the time to do it. We  
38 wouldn't be dealing with fisheries proposals until next year  
39 at the earliest -- this meeting next year.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Are you saying -- why  
42 wouldn't -- I mean are you taking fisheries like the State,  
43 one year and then game on the other?

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45 MS. DETWILER: We would alternate the  
46 proposal cycle for fisheries and wildlife. We'd be taking  
47 proposals for fisheries at the March meeting. It's opposite  
48 of what we do for fisheries because of the way that fisheries  
49 regulations have to take effect at a different time than when  
50 the wildlife ones do.

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1                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: My intent was to bring it up  
2 just for discussion so when the time does come we know which  
3 way we want to move, if at all.

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5                   Yes, Vince, I'm sorry, I know you've been waiving  
6 there at me for a while.

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8                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: What you're talking about is  
9 an issue that the community or the corporation or the Village  
10 of Unalaska had to deal with in regards to the Naval Reserve.  
11 We went ahead under the guidelines of ANCSA and ANILCA, the  
12 village corporation or tribal government can apply for and  
13 receive reserves that are being vacated by the government,  
14 mostly the like Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves that are up  
15 and down the Aleutians, are being transferred to either the  
16 corporation in trust for the community if you don't have an  
17 IRA. That's one way you can approach it.

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19                   And in looking at the customary and traditional use  
20 determination process, this Board has to determine customary  
21 and traditional use prior to doing any kind of restrictions  
22 or setting dates. I think that research should be done by  
23 this Board in the next couple three months, maybe prior to  
24 our next Board meeting, come back from our Staff about how we  
25 could prepare a customary and traditional use for the  
26 community of Kodiak to take care of the Buskin issue.

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28                   I think that's the way that we should approach it. I  
29 know there's a lot of issues that goes outside of this Board,  
30 goes directly to the Traditional Council possibly of Kodiak,  
31 that they have to look at what is available and approach the  
32 government on that level. They have a -- both entities have  
33 a government-to-government relationship that should be held  
34 above this Council. I mean that comes down to us to  
35 determine for that community, but in regard to fishing use.  
36 So I think that's the way it should be approached. We were  
37 successful in our drive to get it out of Unalaska. That very  
38 same issue is being taken up in regards to Adak, that issue  
39 is being done up there. Of course, Adak is under Fish and  
40 Wildlife Aleutian Reserve, but the Navy leased that property  
41 and in leasing it they leased the waters around Adak, so  
42 we're in that very same issue with them as what you're  
43 talking about. So I think that should be investigated  
44 further.

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46                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sure. It's been how many  
47 years now? At least four to five years since the C&T was  
48 passed on the king crab in the then existing waters of  
49 Woman's Bay and the Buskin River, so it has been -- it does  
50 have a customary and traditional use determination.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, you have a precedence  
2 maybe possibly setting -- in the possibility of setting a  
3 fishery for -- on your tribal use.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe this C&T is status  
6 quo on other species. I'm not sure on that? I know it was  
7 found to be on the king crab.

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9 MS. MASON: Just king crab.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. But it is still a C&T  
12 area?

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14 MS. MASON: Yeah, for king crab.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: King crab only. That's why  
17 I'm saying, you have to, according to the regulations, go  
18 species, it says for fish stocks and populations that are  
19 managed by any service.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So at any rate this was just  
22 an open discussion I wanted to bring out knowing that we're  
23 going to be looking at possibly some of these issues here in  
24 the near future.

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26 Yes.

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28 MR. SCHWARZ: Yeah, this brings several  
29 things to mind. One is that the Federal regulations were  
30 achieved for the Buskin as far as fishing time goes, for  
31 subsistence fishing in Woman's Bay. Under the State regs it  
32 was 6:00 in the morning until 9:00 at night. And then the  
33 Federal regulations changed it to 24 hours a day. But what  
34 you said is that those regulations do not apply in Woman's  
35 Bay. So.....

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37 MS. DETWILER: No, they do apply. And I wish  
38 someone from the Refuge were here because then they would be  
39 able to say where the delineation of the waters within the  
40 Refuge were.

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42 MR. SCHWARZ: It isn't within the Refuge?

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44 MS. DETWILER: But Woman's Bay is part of the  
45 -- is managed by the Refuge, at least for king crab.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And it's Federal public  
48 lands?

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50 MS. DETWILER: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)



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1 MR. WILLIS: Actually that's part of the  
2 Alaska Maritime Refuge rather than Kodiak.

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4 MR. SCHWARZ: I guess I'm a little bit  
5 confused, in that, the Buskin is on the Coast Guard base.  
6 It's a military -- oh, and I see, when you get into the salt  
7 water then it changes jurisdictions.

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9 MS. DETWILER: Right.

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11 MR. SCHWARZ: Okay, all right, yeah. And the  
12 only other thing I wanted to point out, Mr. Chairman, is that  
13 as I mentioned at our last meeting we do do the counting in  
14 the Buskin to make sure the sockeye get up there and the  
15 cohos get up there. And the Sport Fish Division has run that  
16 weir since '85 and we get our funding from the sales of sport  
17 fishing licenses. And those sales dropped off last year and  
18 we got a \$800,000 shortfall in funds so we're not going to be  
19 counting sockeye into the Buskin starting next year. So  
20 that's up. And I explained it to Jay, my concerns with  
21 liberalizing the -- any kind of liberalization of the sockeye  
22 harvest at this time because we're barely meeting out  
23 escapement objectives. So those are just, I guess,  
24 complicating factors.

25  
26 Commercial Fisheries Division isn't real plush with  
27 money either but they do manage both commercial and  
28 subsistence harvest and the major harvest in there is  
29 subsistence for sockeye, it's about 5,000 sockeye in a year.  
30 And they're going to look into seeing if they can't continue  
31 to run that weir to count. But right now, Dave, it's not a  
32 for sure thing, is it?

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34 MR. PROKOPOWICH: No, it's not. I mean we're  
35 participating in bail out the shortfall of the State budget  
36 this fiscal year coming around and plus are looking at us  
37 helping bailing them out the next fiscal year. So it's not a  
38 pretty picture for taking on additional projects for us.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That doesn't bring me any  
41 great comfort, no weir to count, especially right in the  
42 midst of our most urban area of Kodiak.

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44 MR. PROKOPOWICH: It's been a critical  
45 component there, that Buskin sockeye run, maintaining that  
46 run. That -- without even any directed commercial harvest,  
47 just the subsistence net fishery on the outside plus two to  
48 3,000 sport harvest out of that river, it's -- you're looking  
49 at five to -- or seven to 8,000 reds getting caught off the  
50 Buskin every year. And the escapement goal, eight to 13,000.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I just wanted to say that  
2 that Maritime Refuge covers the Buskin and there's an area  
3 down at Sturgeon by Karluk and then Afognak Island. And I do  
4 know that Buskin is becoming a problem. I don't fish there  
5 myself but other people have told me it's just a rat race out  
6 there every morning.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You mentioned the numbers,  
9 these were the ones recorded under subsistence or a total?

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11 MR. PROKOPOWICH: Those were reported on the  
12 State subsistence permits returned to our office.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Because I have a great  
15 concern about the reporting. I mean it's just -- number 1, I  
16 have seen absolutely no policing of the area to get counts.  
17 I personally know of -- I don't know of anybody that turned  
18 theirs in on the subsistence side. So it is a real concern,  
19 absolutely, when I see and hear the numbers. And of course  
20 what I know as being a participant both in the sport and  
21 subsistence fisheries, I look and ask these questions and  
22 people just shake their head and walk off like they didn't  
23 even hear me when I ask about the counts.

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25 Al.

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27 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, it's a real concern to me  
28 because it's a real subsistence issue. I'm wondering if  
29 there's any way the Fish and Wildlife Service could take over  
30 the count on the -- is there some way we could talk to Jay or  
31 something because it is a big subsistence issue in Kodiak.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's a resource.

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35 MR. CRATTY: Is the State ain't going to do  
36 it.....

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I feel it's a real threat to  
39 the resource myself.

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41 MR. PROKOPOWICH: On this permit deal, Mr.  
42 Chairman, if a person's been an issued a State subsistence  
43 permit and they don't return it, we don't automatically  
44 reissue another one until the person comes in and then we get  
45 their harvest information from them and then issue another  
46 permit. If a permit's been returned, they're automatically  
47 mailed another one -- an updated one.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But on the other hand, if  
50 I'm fishing Federal waters, I need to have a permit for the

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1 Federal waters. So I mean that's not.....

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3 MR. PROKOPOWICH: There's not permit --  
4 there's.....

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....State waters.

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8 MR. PROKOPOWICH: .....no Federal permit  
9 required for subsistence. What the Federal regulations  
10 require you to have is a State subsistence permit and then  
11 they make allowances to allow you to fish 24 hours a day  
12 where the Federal regulations apply. So they tell you to get  
13 a State subsistence permit.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I mean one side of the  
16 issue we comply, on the other side we don't. I mean that's  
17 kind of a hotcake.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's just a matter of  
20 working together, I guess.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Yes, Al.

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24 MR. CRATTY: Yes, I just wanted to know if I  
25 could get an answer on my question? Does Robert know?

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27 MR. WILLIS: What was.....

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We can propose it.

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31 MR. WILLIS: .....question again, Al?

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33 MR. CRATTY: Is there any way, if the State  
34 isn't going to be -- because this is such a big subsistence  
35 issue in Kodiak, is there any way the Feds Fish and Wildlife  
36 Service could start doing the counts on the sockeye?

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38 MS. DETWILER: We wouldn't start doing any of  
39 the counting until after we assumed responsibility for  
40 subsistence fisheries management and then the plan is, in  
41 general, just to use the existing State processes counting,  
42 harvest monitoring, and that process. And then we would only  
43 do additional monitoring and counting if -- in order to  
44 supplement what the State's already doing if it were  
45 necessary just to implement fisheries management.

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47 So we wouldn't be duplicating anything that the State  
48 is doing but we would be supplementing it if we needed to for  
49 subsistence uses. So it's a possibility, but you know, you'd  
50 have to work it out.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We could request -- I don't  
2 know what the formal process would be to do that, but we're  
3 not in conflict or you know, taking over where we're not  
4 wanted. If it's going to be a vacant issue, I think it's a  
5 real high priority, especially for Kodiak that we do have  
6 counts on the Buskin, otherwise I feel we're very threatened  
7 to lose our subsistence fishing. I mean it's a reality  
8 that's been proven. So I certainly.....

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10 MS. DETWILER: The other comment I would make  
11 is since it's specific to the Buskin and it looks to me like  
12 the Buskin is not within Federal jurisdiction, so the Fish  
13 and Wildlife Service wouldn't have any jurisdiction over the  
14 fishing that goes on in there.

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, we get the short end  
17 of the stick again.

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19 MS. MASON: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to, I  
20 think, to ask Sue about addressing this issue that Al brings  
21 up, whether or not, once the Federal program assumes  
22 jurisdiction, there might be -- it might be just a matter of  
23 supplementing the State's funding for such projects so that  
24 these projects that the State is unable to do just because  
25 there aren't enough funds from sport licensing, that that  
26 might be possible with Federal funding.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's what I was hoping to  
29 hear that we might have some continuity there where it can be  
30 worked together. I just feel, wow, even to miss one year of  
31 data at this point is just going to be harmful the human  
32 race.

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34 MR. SCHWARZ: Mr. Chairman, my main function  
35 to attend these meetings are for information purposes for  
36 your Board. So I did want to respond. I put out an annual  
37 management report and I can get you a copy of this. This is  
38 in draft form, but in the back of it we list the number of  
39 permits returned by year, this one goes all the way back to  
40 '85 for subsistence. And in '97 -- you can look at each year  
41 how many permits come back from the Buskin, in '97 we had  
42 329. And as Dave said, if you come to get a permit and you  
43 haven't turned your old permit back, you don't get one issued  
44 until you turn your old one back. So the permits in '97  
45 could even go up a few more. But in '96 there was 423  
46 returned, and the year before 437, 500, so it average about  
47 in there, about 500 -- 400 permits returned every year.

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49 And let's see, I had another thing I wanted to  
50 mention besides the permits but I forgot what it was. Oh, it

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1 was on the enforcement. You mentioned about a lack of  
2 enforcement and we responded to that last year. Again, we  
3 get our money from the sale of sport fishing licenses, so we  
4 took \$17,000 and gave it to the State Troopers to beef up  
5 their enforcement on sport fisheries. They were out in the  
6 Buskin. They were doing checks in the subsistence fishery  
7 although that funding wasn't covering that. It covered three  
8 undercover float trips down the Karluk. Undercover trips  
9 aboard the charter boats. The Crime Bureau people rented a  
10 mobile home and went down and spent a week at the Sagshak to  
11 see if they could find out any of these -- you know, we get a  
12 lot of reports about violations, see if we can uncover any of  
13 these. And the total of expenditures of funds was \$17,000  
14 last year. And again, we got a budget cut so we're not going  
15 to be able to do that this year. But the results in the  
16 Kodiak area was that compliance was very high. They didn't  
17 find good compli -- they wrote a lot of tickets in Bristol  
18 Bay. Wrote very few tickets and didn't find any gross  
19 violations in the Kodiak area, to sum it up. And the  
20 Troopers gave a full report of that at the local advisory  
21 committee here about a month or two ago.

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23 So again, that's just informational purposes.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But as I see it it's still a  
26 real unique, like I said, where the subsistence is is  
27 considered Federal and on the inside of the markers is State.  
28 Certainly, I look at if there's 500 permits and they're each  
29 allowed 100 fish, wow. Wow. I think the numbers are  
30 considerably higher than reported with that many users.  
31 Maybe they do report but I don't think everybody reports the  
32 amount fearing that they might be prosecuted.

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34 That's what I noted as participating in it every  
35 year. How many years have they counted, had the weir in  
36 Buskin?

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38 MR. SCHWARZ: Since '85. We started in '85.  
39 And again, you know, I want to keep that weir in there. I've  
40 always fought to keep it in there. We will keep it in for  
41 cohos. And again, it's where our funding comes from. The  
42 Federal government actually gives us our funding -- we get it  
43 from two sources, sales of sport fishing licenses and when  
44 you buy fishing tackle at the store, there's a tax, it goes  
45 into the Federal government, the Federal government says  
46 okay, the United States generated so many tax dollars on the  
47 sales of sport fishing gear and we're going to give Alaska X  
48 amount of money. But when they give it to us it's got  
49 restrictions on it. You must use this money to benefit sport  
50 fishermen, because it's a tax on them. So you know, when we

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1 do our projects, we have to justify what we're doing. And  
2 the coho fishery in the Buskin, the sport fishery is the  
3 major harvester there so we're going to keep the coho weir in  
4 there but the sockeye weir is going to go. Because operating  
5 that doesn't directly benefit sport fishermen. We've done it  
6 since '85 and we've never had to issue an emergency  
7 restriction in season.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: This brings another tangle  
10 to my thought then. If we are going to honor the, how should  
11 I say, the ladder, commercial, sport and subsistence, that in  
12 other words, subsistence is the last to go -- if we are not  
13 permitted for some reason to harvest outside the Buskin for  
14 subsistence for whatever reason, wouldn't then that  
15 automatically close the Buskin for sport fishing?

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17 MR. SCHWARZ: Correct. And like I mentioned,  
18 since 1985, we've had the weir in place and there has been no  
19 restrictions. And we've managed to meet our minimum  
20 escapement goals.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And of course, when I say  
23 management and policing, it's kind of difficult when --  
24 there's no regulation on subsistence other than count and  
25 that's not even really -- you know, if you fill your permit  
26 of 25, you can go up and request another 25. So here, again,  
27 I don't know where that takes us.

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29 Excuse me, Al, please go ahead.

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31 MR. CRATTY: You don't have that much in  
32 sport effort on the sockeyes but you have a lot of  
33 subsistence effort?

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35 MR. SCHWARZ: Well, we do have some sport  
36 effort, like Dave said, it's about -- we got a fairly good  
37 harvest. That's why I wanted to keep the weir in, I didn't  
38 want to lose it.

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40 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, that's.....

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42 MR. SCHWARZ: But we get about 2,000 sockeye  
43 harvested, 1,500 to 2,000 sockeye out of the Buskin. The  
44 subsistence harvest is four or 5,000, so it is the major  
45 harvester.

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47 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh.

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49 MR. SCHWARZ: When you talk about coho it  
50 flip-flops. There is only about a thousand cohos taken

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1 subsistence but the sport harvest is two or 3,000.

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3 MR. CRATTY: Well, what I'm trying to say is  
4 if the subsistence harvest is greater and it's in Federal  
5 jurisdiction, I don't see why they can't go and make sure  
6 we're getting enough fish up there to support the  
7 subsistence.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, I don't like it but I  
10 hear what he's saying.

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12 MR. SCHWARZ: Mr. Chairman, I don't  
13 understand the question.

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15 MR. CRATTY: Well, you're saying you're  
16 pulling the weir out because of the fact that the sport  
17 fishermen aren't there but then you look at it, it was more  
18 of the subsistence use, and where the subsistence use is in  
19 Federal jurisdiction outside of your markers. So I don't  
20 understand why they don't step in and support you guys to  
21 keep the count going so we can keep track of the sockeye that  
22 are going up there so we don't dwindle it to nothing.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: He just said that they have  
25 been reaching their minimum escapement goals every year since  
26 '85.

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28 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, but they're going to quit.  
29 They're going to quit counting.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. The weir, now, is  
34 this the weir down by the bridge or the weir up at the lake?

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36 MR. PROKOPOWICH: At the lake.

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38 MR. SCHWARZ: The sockeye one is at the lake.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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42 MR. SCHWARZ: Then we moved it down to the  
43 bridge for cohos.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. So your sockeye  
46 count is only what makes it to the lake.

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48 MR. SCHWARZ: Nods head yes.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. I guess I would ask

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1 the question, what kind of funding in dollars amounts does it  
2 take to operate that weir for the red count?

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4 MR. SCHWARZ: It takes about \$30,000 if you  
5 hire three guys and run it, you know, for the whole sockeye  
6 run. Now, what Commercial Fisheries is going to try to do is  
7 go on a real reduced budget and just hire one person and try  
8 to use people from the office to go out there and -- but it  
9 cost our budget \$30,000 a year to run it just for sockeye.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: How could we -- is there any  
12 way that we can request -- make a request for funding for the  
13 State to continue the red weir?

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15 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, I just had a  
16 comment in regards to Len's -- you know, last year I went up  
17 to Ugashik Narrows and there the State was going to stop  
18 doing the surveys up there but the Refuge up there kicked in  
19 the money to continue that for the year. And it was only  
20 because it was going to benefit -- the Refuge was going to  
21 get some additional data for use within the Refuge, how many  
22 people were coming out there, how many days they were  
23 spending out there. So you can certainly submit, you know,  
24 from the Council to Jay on the Refuge, but I'm certain if he  
25 were to take that into consideration, you know, if it would  
26 benefit the Refuge in terms of dollars that, you know, if he  
27 were to kick in -- is there any benefit to the Refuge?

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29 MR. CRATTY: There's a benefit.....

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31 MR. EDENSHAW: And last year when I was out  
32 in Ugashik out on the Peninsula, there was a direct benefit  
33 for the Refuge because the State had been doing the surveys  
34 for the last four or five years and they were going to  
35 develop a report because grayling was -- I guess the State  
36 record for grayling had been taken out of the Narrows out  
37 there. So they wanted to see if the population was coming  
38 back up and it was on Refuge land so there was a direct  
39 benefit to the Refuge. So I'm certain if Jay were to  
40 consider such a proposal he would certainly want something  
41 that would benefit the Refuge.

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43 And I'm not familiar.....

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, it certainly is.....

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47 MR. EDENSHAW: And I'm not familiar with the  
48 Buskin, you know, where the weir is and if that's near or on  
49 Refuge lands.

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1                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I don't know. It just seems  
2 to me it certainly is a good cause and the Buskin, like you  
3 say is one of the strong points of Kodiak in the fisheries,  
4 in sport and subsistence.

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6                   Yes, Vince.

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8                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we can talk on and on  
9 about how we're going to deal with this but I think as an  
10 advisory council we need to make a proposal or recommendation  
11 to move ahead with the study of the Buskin for subsistence  
12 use within the community of Kodiak. And I think we're  
13 discussing a lot of State rules and regulations that effect  
14 the outer marker that you're talking about. But under the  
15 guidelines that we have in the Federal -- under our new  
16 regulations here it says that we can institute and request  
17 proposals for closure to only subsistence users. And if that  
18 kicks in, all these other issues, that's where we should go  
19 at this point in, institute a C&T for the Buskin River for  
20 subsistence use only.

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22                   And I think that would kick in all these other issues  
23 that you've thought of. And it would activate the Fish and  
24 Wildlife -- Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife to be  
25 active in the proposal one way or the other.

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27                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sue.

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29                   MS. DETWILER: I suspect that the Board would  
30 say, it's not going to deal with subsistence fishing on the  
31 Buskin River because it's not within the Federal Subsistence  
32 Program's jurisdiction.

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34                   MS. TRUMBLE: State waters?

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36                   MS. DETWILER: It may be managed by the  
37 Federal government but the arm that manages it is the  
38 military and they're not subject to Federal subsistence  
39 regulations.

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41                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: They only manage in the  
42 fresh waters at this point?

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44                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right. And I'm saying on the  
45 outer markers only.

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47                   MS. DETWILER: Yeah.

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49                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: These are Federal waters and  
50 that's how we got C&T for crab. I mean if it wasn't Federal

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1 waters I don't think we would have ever had.....

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3 MS. DETWILER: Yeah.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....been able to get passed  
6 through for king crab.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But the only way we're going  
9 to find out, Mr. Chairman, is if we go ahead and make that  
10 determination on the outer markers and determine C&T for  
11 subsistence fishing on the outer markers of the Buskin River  
12 and see where it goes from there.

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14 I mean we can sit here and argue between our own  
15 Staff and Fish and Game about what is the realities of the  
16 whole thing and who has control, I still believe that once  
17 this is instituted, if the village of that community takes on  
18 an action to take over that Reserve, then we then will be the  
19 controlling governing body for that area, and that's where we  
20 should be headed.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I'm only, like I  
23 said, had this open for discussion to hear different points.  
24 But anyway, that proposal cannot be made until when?

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Next year. But I think the  
27 action should start now.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe so, too.  
30 Especially hearing we're not going to have a weir.

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32 MR. CRATTY: Well, Mr. Chair, I make a motion  
33 to write a letter to Mr. Bellinger to see if we can get the  
34 funding to work the weir.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is that in line with your  
37 thoughts or were you considering a proposal to just.....

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, that would take care of  
40 your weir issue.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....to -- just for  
43 subsistence?

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45 MR. CRATTY: For subsistence -- yeah.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This would take care of your  
48 weir issue but it doesn't address your subsistence only  
49 gillnetting or fishing off the -- in the outer markers, that  
50 has to -- I think that has to come as a separate issue.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. I feel if that  
2 proposal was in then as you mentioned, the others would fall  
3 in line, wherever it may go.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: There is a.....

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I second the motion.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Second.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Request funding from our --  
14 what is that?

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16 MR. CRATTY: The Kodiak Refuge.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Kodiak Refuge.

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20 MR. CRATTY: Mr. Jay Bellinger.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For subsidizing a count on  
23 the sockeye.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, as sockeye as a major  
26 resource for subsistence use in Kodiak.

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28 MR. CRATTY: And corresponding with the  
29 State.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's being called.  
34 All those in favor signify by aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same.

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40 (No opposing responses)

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries. At this  
43 time do we want to also put a proposal in for subsistence on  
44 the Buskin?

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think I'll make a motion to  
47 research with Staff the possibility of a C&T within the  
48 Buskin area on the outer markers and ask them to report that  
49 defines our position of where we can and cannot make a C&T  
50 determination for next years planning. We should have

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1 something by our next fall meeting.

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3 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded. Anymore  
6 discussion?

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's been called. All  
11 those in favor signify by aye.

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13 IN UNISON: Aye.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same.

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17 (No opposing responses)

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The reason for that motion  
22 for clarification for you, it's to investigate the  
23 possibilities that we may outstepping our bounds and also  
24 with Fish and Game, and actually find out who has the  
25 regulatory rights outside the markers. Right now it's  
26 assumed the State is issuing permits and we're doing it under  
27 the Federal program, but.....

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Because once we  
30 understand that, I guess we'd know where to start making  
31 proposals for the regulation of the fisheries.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For subsistence for the  
34 community of Kodiak only.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Whether we take it to the  
37 State Advisory proposals or whether we do both, I don't know  
38 -- we don't know for sure.

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40 Okay. Nothing else here under ADF&G? Hearing none,  
41 I guess we can go on an update on Federal Subsistence  
42 Fisheries Management under Tab T, and Sue has got the  
43 privilege to give us an update.

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45 MS. DETWILER: I think I made a lot of the  
46 points I was going to make in my prepared presentation  
47 already throughout the course of our earlier conversation.  
48 But I would refer you to Tab T, it has a variety of  
49 background materials on fisheries. And the first page is the  
50 update on fisheries implementation.

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1           And what's going on now is I'm sure most people know  
2 that we're preparing to expand our jurisdiction into  
3 navigable waters within conservation system units for  
4 fisheries management. In other words, we're preparing to  
5 extend our jurisdiction to subsistence fisheries in navigable  
6 waters within the refuges, parks, et cetera. It's a result  
7 of the Katie John decision in 1995 where the court said we  
8 had to expand our jurisdiction.

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10           Since 1995 Congress has prohibited us from complying  
11 with the Katie John decision through a series of moratoria.  
12 The Congress imposed a moratorium on us this year in the  
13 Appropriations Bill, but this moratorium has a little bit  
14 stronger incentive for the State to resume subsistence  
15 management in two ways. One, is that it provides for phased  
16 in Federal implementation of subsistence fisheries management  
17 by October the 1st if the State doesn't comply and it also  
18 provides funding, which has never been provided for before  
19 for subsistence fisheries management. If the State is able  
20 to -- if the State comes up -- if the State Legislator  
21 approves a Constitutional amendment that would allow the  
22 State to provide for the rural preference that's provided for  
23 in Title VIII before October the 1st, then the State will get  
24 the funding, it's a total of \$11 million. If they can't come  
25 up with that Constitutional amendment, then the Federal  
26 agencies will get the funding for subsistence management and  
27 they'll actually start implementing subsistence fisheries at  
28 the first of the fiscal year which is October 1st of this  
29 year.

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31           So towards that end, we published the Final Rule in  
32 January of this year and that Final Rule is pretty much the  
33 same as the proposed rule that you have all seen at previous  
34 meetings. It basically explains where the waters are that we  
35 would be expanding jurisdiction. It addresses a couple of  
36 petitions aside from the Katie John decision that were  
37 submitted by subsistence users. It includes -- one of those  
38 petitions asks for the Board to exercise jurisdiction over  
39 lands that have been selected by the State and Native  
40 corporations but not yet conveyed to those -- to either the  
41 State or the Native corporations, so selected lands within  
42 conservation system units would be included in this expanded  
43 jurisdiction. And then the other petition which is affirmed  
44 in the regulations, acknowledges the Secretary's authority to  
45 assert jurisdiction off of -- on activity -- hunting and  
46 fishing and trapping off of Federal lands if those activities  
47 are causing a failure of subsistence -- of providing the  
48 subsistence priority on Federal public lands.

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50           So those are the main changes that the Final Rule

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1 will have in it that would become effective in October.

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3 And as was mentioned earlier this morning, our Final  
4 Rule pretty much incorporates the existing State subsistence  
5 fishing regulations as well as all of their C&T  
6 determinations. In your book there's a copy of the Final  
7 Rule in its entirety that has the provisions for subsistence  
8 fisheries in it.

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10 And as I mentioned earlier, we won't be doing Federal  
11 subsistence fisheries management that's totally separate from  
12 the State. We're going to be depending on the State quite  
13 heavily with their existing processes and their harvest  
14 monitoring and information gathering processes. So we've  
15 been working with the State to coordinate with them, both on  
16 the Staff level as well as the policy level, the Board's  
17 level. Our Federal Subsistence Board members and  
18 representatives from the Department of Fish and Game and a  
19 couple members of the Board of Fish have met one time already  
20 to discuss some of the policy issues at the State wide level  
21 that are problems with dual management. And then we have  
22 continuing discussions with the State at the technical level  
23 to kind of mesh our processes with theirs.

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25 Section D on the update in your book has to with  
26 pending litigation. There's one suit that's listed on that  
27 update and that has to do with the suit that was filed on  
28 behalf of the State Legislature by the Legislative Council  
29 which basically challenges the constitutionality of Title  
30 VIII. The case was dismissed but it's been appealed so we're  
31 expecting a decision on that case sometime this summer.

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33 And in terms of what happens next, the regulations  
34 are already out. We need to develop the organizational  
35 structure to handle subsistence fisheries. We need to hire  
36 Staff. We'll continue working with the State to develop a  
37 cooperative management strategy. There's some unresolved  
38 issues like customary trade on a region by region basis. We  
39 need to develop the regulatory process for submitting and  
40 reviewing proposals. And then we have a sticky issue with  
41 the Yukon River which covers three Regional Council regions  
42 and so we'll need to figure out how to coordinate management  
43 in that entire drainage.

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45 And then finally on the update sheet is just a note  
46 at the bottom that says, we'll be planning on identifying  
47 cooperative management opportunities for the Native  
48 corporations or the tribal organizations to help us collect  
49 the information that we need in order to manage subsistence  
50 fisheries. So that's the update.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a question. The  
2 first, there's one million dollars to be appropriated to the  
3 Regional Council or State Council, and then on October 10th,  
4 they're going to institute \$10 million to be allocated to the  
5 Subsistence Fisheries Board. My concern is that one of the  
6 recommendations here is to identify regional groups.....

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8 MS. DETWILER: Um.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....how are they going to  
11 subsidize or get all these proposals together that they're  
12 going to be -- especially with this last one regarding the  
13 water shed on the Yukon River and three Advisory Boards? You  
14 can't get them to agree now, even on the State level, how are  
15 we going to structure it so that \$10 million which is going  
16 to be allocated to 10 different regions, it's crazy. I don't  
17 understand it.

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19 MS. DETWILER: There's a lot to be worked out  
20 yet. The \$11 million total was what Congress appropriated to  
21 expand fisheries jurisdiction. That \$11 million goes to the  
22 Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. The State will get  
23 one million -- no, the Federal agencies will get one million  
24 of that if the State doesn't act by the 1st of June, and  
25 we'll use that to begin preparing for management, it won't go  
26 directly to the Councils. If the State continues to not act  
27 by September the 30th of this year, the Secretaries will get  
28 the remaining 10 million and they'll have to figure out how  
29 that's going to be allocated in terms of staffing, in terms  
30 of additional research to be done. And part of that will  
31 include the harvest collected and cooperative agreements and  
32 that sort of thing.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Last week I had the  
37 opportunity to talk to Alan Astiman, Legislator in Juneau on  
38 the hotline, local information radio show here in Kodiak.  
39 And this response at this time he cannot see that it's going  
40 to happen through Legislation this year to prevent a Federal  
41 takeover. So I mean anything can change but certainly I hope  
42 that the Secretary is going to honor his word this time and  
43 not give anymore extensions so we know where we're at.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So Mr. Chair, are we saying  
46 that we're not going to develop an organizational structure  
47 until October 1st?

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49 MS. DETWILER: The develop an organizational  
50 structure has to do with the agencies and the current

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1 organization. Right now we're geared primarily for wildlife  
2 management. We don't have fisheries biologists and so what  
3 that means is we need to figure out how, in our processes,  
4 we're going to incorporate the processes that we need for  
5 fisheries management.

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7 But in terms of the Regional Councils, pretty much  
8 what we heard was that the Councils did not want to make any  
9 changes in light of fisheries management. They were posed  
10 with the question, do we need additional Regional Councils to  
11 deal specifically with fisheries or are the existing Regional  
12 Councils sufficient to handle both, wildlife and fisheries?  
13 And the consensus of the Councils seemed to be that leave  
14 things as they are right now and see how things work out and  
15 then make whatever changes need to be made after we see how  
16 things work out.

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18 MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Rachel.

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22 MS. MASON: I'm not sure if I understood  
23 Vince's question but it sounded like you were asking whether  
24 this wasn't going to start happening until October 1st? But  
25 as I understand it, it would be starting June 1st, many of  
26 these steps would stop having, developing organizational  
27 structure.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, my concern is that all  
30 these agencies involved, the Federal and State are going to  
31 make decisions that effect the Regional Councils or Regional  
32 Advisory Boards before we can institute a plan of management  
33 within regions. And they'll look across the board, number 1,  
34 we're going to select and do all of the Fish and Game rules  
35 and regulations with the priority of -- with or without the  
36 priority of subsistence. And that's my concern, is that  
37 they're going to set up legislation that we have to fight for  
38 another five or 10 more years just to get our own agencies  
39 that they've appointed to confirm the fact that there is  
40 subsistence priority within our region. Because we're  
41 bringing in the very same people that are opposing our right  
42 to subsist to manage it for us. That's my concern.

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44 I don't know how to get around it. I've had a lot of  
45 discussions with people in communities from Nikolski all the  
46 way up through the Chain, and they're afraid that the very  
47 same people that are opposing our rural preference for  
48 subsistence are going to be the ones that are going to be  
49 advising us on how we should be doing it. That's crazy. I  
50 mean this is what this is saying right here. That these



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1 Federal agencies and the State agencies are going to come  
2 together with this plan. I mean, no way, I don't think it's  
3 possible. We're going to be fighting for another five to 10  
4 more years just with our own make up board that they're  
5 putting together. We have no input into it is what they're  
6 saying.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Ivan.

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10 MR. LUKIN: Yeah, I've been thinking about  
11 this here, you know, I think what it's probably going to boil  
12 down to here to me, which makes sense, would be to -- where  
13 this money ends up here. We have some key issues that were  
14 brought up here this morning, weirs on the Buskin River.  
15 Well, there's a problem -- the reason the State's closing  
16 down their count is finances. So we need to come to some  
17 kind of agreements where we can take some of this funding and  
18 set it aside for things like -- things that we feel are  
19 important, like the counts.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly as it is now, the  
22 Councils were designed to have a meaningful role. But who  
23 has meaningful role defined, that's where my question comes  
24 in, as it pertains to Vince's question as well. We have made  
25 other motions to try to feel comfortable with the process  
26 which hasn't got any attention seriously yet. So absolutely,  
27 it is a question of mine, meaningful role, where do our  
28 limits start and stop?

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30 MS. DETWILER: I have a couple of comments.  
31 And one is that a lot of this money is going to be going  
32 towards the Regional Councils for more meetings, for more  
33 Staff support.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Uh-huh.

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37 MS. DETWILER: You know, Councils are pretty  
38 expensive, it cost a lot of money to have these meetings. So  
39 that's where some of it's going to be going. And in terms of  
40 meaningful role, the Board has to show the Councils a great  
41 deal of deference when you guys make recommendations. You  
42 can make recommendations on anything that you want and if  
43 there is specific projects that you want done, it's to your  
44 advantage to send those to the Board. I think it's  
45 unfortunate that the issue came up this morning on fisheries  
46 that aren't on Federal public lands because that gives the  
47 wrong impression that the Board's not going to listen to your  
48 subsistence concerns, it's simply that the Board does not  
49 have jurisdiction over those inland waters that are outside  
50 of the Refuge.

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1                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But I also feel the only way  
2 that there can be a meaningful role is to have a government-  
3 to-government relationship to which it is not established.

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5                   MS. DETWILER: The Councils -- the tribe's  
6 relationship to the government is separate from the Council's  
7 relationship to the government.

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9                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is there anymore questions  
10 or discussions while we have Sue here? So everybody's ready?

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12                  MS. TRUMBLE: I think an example this morning  
13 is not going to be the only issue that's going to come out in  
14 all this. I think we have to really be careful how we --  
15 there's a lot of issues out there that, I think, are even  
16 going to pit us against each other on some things, and I just  
17 hate the thought of it to be honest with you.

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19                  CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I notice the Council.....

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21                  MR. GUNDERSEN: Yeah, I think there's a lot  
22 of things that will come to odds in trying to figuring out  
23 what types of vehicles is going to be best suited to use to  
24 implement some of these things, and especially when you get  
25 into the fisheries and then all the different agencies,  
26 departments. Even just the geography, the different portions  
27 of the state and how it's all going to be intertwined through  
28 subsistence use. And it's in the politics, the history, and  
29 the whole background of it.

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31                  As Vince pointed out earlier, a million dollars --  
32 wouldn't even get the first caucus together or not to  
33 implement any programs or anything. It's just mind boggling  
34 thinking of how this is going -- what it's going to take to  
35 implement this whole thing in my mind.

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37                  CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al.

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39                  MR. CRATTY: Well, I think dual management  
40 could be worked out. The State's got a lot of knowledge and  
41 the Feds don't. I think we could learn a lot from them. I  
42 think the State's got to look a lot more towards subsistence,  
43 that's why we're here. That's all I wanted to say.

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45                  MR. SQUARTSOFF: I just feel that.....

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47                  MS. TRUMBLE: Subsistence and survival are  
48 the same word.

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50                  CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Pete.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I just feel the State  
2 has done wonderful management as far as fisheries on Kodiak.  
3 I can't speak for other areas but I think Kodiak has done  
4 very, very well.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: On the fin fisheries?

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: On salmon, right.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yeah.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: And I think that covers our  
13 pretty well, the majority of our area, too. We have some  
14 major concerns in our area and we all know why. We kind of  
15 joked a little bit about it the other morning at breakfast,  
16 but most of it's a -- it's a political ball game. And  
17 unfortunately, somebody's got to get hurt in the process.

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19 MS. DETWILER: I guess I would like to  
20 clarify, too, that the idea is not to totally usurp the  
21 State's -- what the State is doing. If you people are happy  
22 with the subsistence priority for fish and shellfish under  
23 the existing State regulations which we have adopted, then  
24 there won't be any need to submit any other proposals. So  
25 the idea is to simply make sure that your subsistence needs  
26 are met within the boundaries of those conservation units.

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28 MR. GUNDERSEN: Well, I can tell you there's  
29 a lot of -- there's never been any subsistence findings for  
30 all the communities I know of until just recently, until we  
31 started doing these C&T findings through this Regional Board.

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33 MS. TRUMBLE: All of our subsistence  
34 basically have been through the -- I mean we've done it  
35 through the State process, you know.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I know the cycle  
38 of the resource has got to come into play. I agree, the  
39 Department has done a good job on the fin fish but has really  
40 done horrible in the excel-skeleton fisheries. To which we  
41 are finding now, as the circle goes, what resource uses the  
42 excel-skeletons since we don't use them, certainly we got our  
43 otters. Now, we are in a game here with the sea lions.  
44 That's taken a great effect. Who is in charge of the sea  
45 lions versus State management versus Federal? It's got a  
46 real twist to it there because I feel that we are on the edge  
47 of ramifications just due to the sea lions. Being specific,  
48 I asked questions and heard a very outstanding number of sea  
49 lions that were killed during the survey just to see what  
50 they consisted of. What they ate and what, you know, how fat

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1 they were and how their reproduction systems worked, when you  
2 compare that along with the incidental take with the draggers  
3 and incidental longlining, we got a big impact coming our  
4 way.

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6 I guess if there's nothing else for Sue, we can call  
7 for a lunch break at this time.

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9 (Off record - 12:07 p.m.)

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11 (On record - 12:40 p.m.)

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, I guess we'll  
14 reconvene here since it's taken longer to setup for lunch  
15 than anticipated. Go ahead Rachel.

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17 MS. MASON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is  
18 the report of the C&T working group. And in your book under  
19 Tab T, toward the end, it says that this report is in the  
20 final stage of review by Chairman Mitch Demientieff and  
21 copies of the final version will be provided to the Regional  
22 Council members. Unfortunately that isn't true, but I will  
23 tell you what the current status is of the working group and  
24 what happened at the last meeting as well as what was  
25 presented at that meeting.

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27 The final meeting of the working group took place on  
28 November 18th, 1998. And at that time, Mitch wasn't able to  
29 make it to that meeting and Fred Armstrong chaired it in his  
30 stead, and so there was general unwillingness to go ahead and  
31 implement anything without Mitch's approval. So what  
32 transpired at that meeting was that the -- what had happened  
33 at the Regional Council meetings was presented. And I'll  
34 just go over that briefly with you. Nine out of the 10  
35 Councils wanted to keep some form of C&Ts. And the answer --  
36 the question was not answered specifically by all the  
37 Councils. In other words, for example, this Council didn't  
38 vote on the issue but everybody that was there assented --  
39 consented to the idea of a combined approach of modifying the  
40 eight factors and Regional Council recommendation.

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42 About three of the Councils straightforwardly wanted  
43 to keep the eight factors on the C&T, they didn't want any  
44 changes to it. Western Interior and Kodiak Aleutians  
45 supported a modified form of the eight factors. And actually  
46 the Southeast Council did, too, but they were more interested  
47 in the idea of a Council recommendation. And that's what  
48 also the North Slope, Northwest, Seward Peninsula and  
49 Southeast voted to have the approach of Council  
50 recommendation to C&Ts.

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1           And there were some common themes that came out in  
2 the discussions with the Regional Councils at the fall  
3 meetings. A number of the Councils supported the idea of  
4 traditional knowledge being included in making the decisions.  
5 And they wanted this used, not only what came out at Council  
6 meetings, but also they wanted traditional knowledge  
7 incorporated into the analysis of C&Ts. Another idea that  
8 came out was that rather than going species by species and  
9 doing it for one individual species at a time, that there  
10 should be, in order to acknowledge the way subsistence uses  
11 occur, there should be a number of species considered  
12 together within a traditional use area. And finally the  
13 importance of Council recommendations was brought up several  
14 times among the different Councils.

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16           And then some other things that came up was when to  
17 do C&T. At least one Council, the Western Interior Council  
18 voted to only do C&Ts when there was a biological shortage.  
19 Another thing that was discussed was whether C&Ts should be  
20 done as they were needed, like if they came up in terms of as  
21 a request or whether they should be done in advance of any  
22 biological problems occurring or conflicts between users.

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24           And another issue that came up during these  
25 discussions was what to do if there were proposals that  
26 overlap between regions and the Councils had different  
27 approaches in dealing with C&T, like whose approach to C&T  
28 would be taken. And there was never really any resolution to  
29 that, but some of the Councils that supported the Council  
30 recommendation option were concerned about that.

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32           So this was presented at the working group meeting.  
33 However, the working group was unable to really develop an  
34 approach to what they would like to do. There was a lot of  
35 discussion at that meeting, just on the basic question of,  
36 why do we have C&T at all? and as a result of these Council  
37 recommendations no change is envisioned -- no major change is  
38 envisioned at this point given that nine of the 10 Councils  
39 do want to keep some form of C&T. But Mitch has reviewed the  
40 results of that working group and his caution is that, at  
41 this point we don't do anything rash in making any major  
42 changes to the way analysis takes place. We will continue  
43 operating and there -- and especially as we don't know what's  
44 going to be happening with fisheries, we don't want to make a  
45 major change in the C&T approach at this critical juncture.

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47           So I'll leave it at that and see if there's any  
48 questions or comments on it. Yes.

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50                   CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I do have a problem with the

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1 biological scenario of C&T only for the simple fact is by the  
2 time you can identify a shortage it's already too late.

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4 MS. MASON: Right.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That we identified a  
7 shortage in the king crab 15 years ago and it is still  
8 suffering.

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10 MS. MASON: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I feel that the actions of  
13 C&T are a primary factor in keeping culture and.....

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15 MS. MASON: Uh-huh.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....customary and  
18 traditions alive.

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20 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I feel we, in Kodiak, are  
23 -- have different exposures. When I say that most of the  
24 rural Alaska does not have other community factors such as  
25 government. When I say government, I'm looking at military,  
26 Coast Guard or others that come into the region by government  
27 pronouncing, I guess you'd say. So here I feel we would lose  
28 a resource, possibly looking at, like the Buskin, because we  
29 have no other way to assert that there will be resource for  
30 the taking of subsistence through customary and traditional  
31 use. So with that factor alone in the Kodiak area, I realize  
32 other communities have other issues, but that is the main  
33 reason why I support it in the Kodiak area.

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35 MS. MASON: Okay. As far as I know that was  
36 definitely a minority opinion, that the biological shortage  
37 would drive a C&T proposal. And as it stands, I think that  
38 there is more support for the idea that C&Ts are separate  
39 from the biological issue so that they're independent of what  
40 the status of the population is, a tradition of harvest can  
41 be justified.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Like I said though, the only  
44 thing I said is that on the biological side, once it's  
45 identified, then it puts our subsistence season in jeopardy.

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47 MS. MASON: Uh-huh.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So that's why I say, is it  
50 better to look farther ahead down the road and ensure that we

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1 are not going to -- do our best that there is not a shortage.

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3 MS. MASON: That would ideally be one of the  
4 goals of doing C&T.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Is there any other  
7 questions or discussion?

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9 What is there -- when you took the regions and asked  
10 them, you know, such that we have here on Page 1, the method?

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12 MS. MASON: Uh-huh.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: How does that fair out and  
15 what is -- how do you look at this then, since we have three  
16 different attitudes, if you will?

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18 MS. MASON: Well, the way I see it, most of  
19 the Councils did want to keep some form of the eight factors.  
20 So it was a pretty strong statement that the Councils are  
21 happy with the idea of doing C&Ts in some way in the way  
22 we've been doing them. So that's the main message I got out  
23 of it.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It says, should we make C&T  
26 determinations, nine yes, one no.

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28 MS. MASON: Uh-huh.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Does that say or implement  
31 there's a possibility that regions could opt out of C&T  
32 totally and others can participate or how is that going to be  
33 looked at?

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35 MS. MASON: I guess that's not completely out  
36 of the question now. But the Councils did send us a strong  
37 statement that they want to keep them. So if that one  
38 Council wants to get rid of them they've got a ways to go to  
39 convince everybody else of it.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Uh-huh. So I just didn't  
42 know, like I had mentioned, whether we would have that option  
43 to the region or not.

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45 MS. MASON: Yeah. Well, that hasn't been cut  
46 out but for now it looks like we'll be keeping the same  
47 process.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Anything else for Rachel?

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Was it the Eastern Interior  
2 that opposed the eight factors?

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4 MS. MASON: Yeah. Yeah. And the approach  
5 that they favor is the one of automatically granting a C&T to  
6 the unit -- or the subunit and then the adjacent subunits.

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8 MR. GUNDERSEN: So that could vary from  
9 community to community then within that unit?

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11 MS. MASON: No, it would be the same for any  
12 community within the unit.

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14 MR. GUNDERSEN: Oh, okay.

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16 MS. MASON: So that if you were doing it,  
17 like for 9(D), then it would be for -- I guess the only one  
18 adjacent is 10 and 9(E). But automatically those subunits  
19 would be added to the unit that was in question.

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21 MR. GUNDERSEN: Well, then it would -- then  
22 those three units incorporate a whole region.

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24 MS. MASON: Right.

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26 MR. GUNDERSEN: Oh, okay.

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28 MS. MASON: Yeah. It would.....

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30 MR. GUNDERSEN: It would be accepted by the  
31 whole region in other words?

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33 MS. MASON: Sure. And it would incorporate a  
34 very large of Interior Alaska in the case of the Eastern  
35 Interior Council.

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37 MR. GUNDERSEN: Okay.

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39 MS. MASON: Well, if nobody has any other  
40 questions I'll turn it over to somebody else.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Rachel.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Migratory Birds.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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48 MS. DETWILER: Ready?

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're ready, Sue, for an



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1 update on the Migratory Bird Treaty.

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3 MS. DETWILER: Well, migratory birds are  
4 outside of the purview of Title VIII, which is what our  
5 office works on but you do have an update on implementation  
6 of the amendments that were signed by Congress last year.  
7 And those amendments allowed for spring and summer harvesting  
8 of waterfowl. And Congress also required that indigenous  
9 people be allowed to have a meaningful role in management of  
10 waterfowl so -- or actually migratory birds, which includes  
11 more than just waterfowl.

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13 But anyway, what happened last fall was Fish and  
14 Wildlife Service, the State Department of Fish and Game and  
15 then Charlie Brower from the Native Migratory Bird Working  
16 Group got together to figure out a process for implementing  
17 the management bodies which are the means for the indigenous  
18 people to have the role in migratory bird management. And  
19 they set up a series of hearings throughout the state to ask  
20 people for their comments on how management bodies should be  
21 structured, how many times they should meet and that sort of  
22 thing. And so what you have in your book behind Tab U is a  
23 summary of those meetings and the comments that people made.

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25 And the next step is Fish and Wildlife Service is  
26 taking the lead in evaluating the comments and are going to  
27 come up with draft alternatives for developing management  
28 bodies and those -- that draft plan should be available in  
29 March and will be finalized over the summer and maybe  
30 implementing as soon as September of this year.

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32 MR. GUNDERSEN: So that's for the taking of  
33 certain types of waterfowl in different areas?

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35 MS. DETWILER: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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37 MR. GUNDERSEN: This is directly tied to the  
38 inquiries made by the Council in the last two years. There  
39 was questions asked about the Canadians and the.....

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41 MS. DETWILER: Right.

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43 MR. GUNDERSEN: .....emperors and the numbers  
44 and where all the statistics?

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46 MS. DETWILER: Right.

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48 MR. GUNDERSEN: Okay.

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50 MS. DETWILER: Yeah, the recognition that

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1 Native people have traditionally harvested waterfowl  
2 primarily in the spring and summer. And the amendments with  
3 Canada and also Mexico didn't allow for that. So the treat  
4 amendments were worked out by Canada and the U.S., and the  
5 Senate had to ratify those amendments that allowed for that  
6 spring and summer taking. So that's what the amendments were  
7 last year and now we're just figuring out how to implement  
8 that. And the management bodies that represent the State and  
9 the Natives and the Federal agencies, Fish and Wildlife  
10 Service, are going to compose those management bodies that  
11 provide the recommendations for the regulations for taking.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: On the taking of waterfowl  
14 as it is, are eggs inclusive?

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16 MS. DETWILER: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Any other questions for Sue  
19 on migratory birds?

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, I understand that by --  
22 where is it, the schedule, they were going to form a  
23 management body by what date, September?

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25 MS. DETWILER: Well, they were going to come  
26 up with alternatives.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: September of '99.

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30 MS. DETWILER: Yeah. The alternatives would  
31 be out by March. So the alternatives could be, you know, one  
32 state wide management body or several management bodies that  
33 coincide with the regions or clusters of management bodies  
34 that represent the regions.

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36 MR. CRATTY: I got a question. I see where  
37 they had meetings or they're going to have meetings.

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39 MS. DETWILER: Where they had meetings, yeah?

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41 MR. CRATTY: How come they haven't come to  
42 Kodiak or the Aleutians.....

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44 MS. DETWILER: I noticed that, too, and I  
45 don't know.

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47 MR. CRATTY: .....and the Aleutian Chain?  
48 It's a big part of our mainstay down around Old Harbor is the  
49 birds, too. And I believe up here.....

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1 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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3 MR. CRATTY: I think it should be --  
4 especially the Aleutians.

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6 MS. DETWILER: Yes, I don't know.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Vince.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think a lot of that is  
13 driving the Interior and the Northern districts of Alaska are  
14 the summer subsisters have a big impact on how much waterfowl  
15 are making it back to our area. I mean they're there on  
16 seasons, they're not -- they're just passing through in most  
17 of our areas and so we hunt them. But up there, you know,  
18 they're laying their eggs, they're raising their young,  
19 they're on the flats up there and that's when they go out and  
20 collect the eggs.

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22 MR. CRATTY: I feel, Vincent, if you aren't  
23 included in something, they're forgetting you.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I know that's what I'm  
26 saying.

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28 MS. TRUMBLE: And that question comes back to  
29 the taking of the eggs because that has an effect on when  
30 they're doing surveys in our area and the count is down and  
31 we have no control or say so over what they're doing, you  
32 know, with the taking of the egg thing. And that's -- you  
33 know, they blame us for taking the birds, but they take the  
34 eggs.

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36 MS. DETWILER: The people that are in charge  
37 of this, you might want to give them a call and sort of pick  
38 their brains.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How did they get appointed?  
41 They're just volunteers. I mean you've got the Migratory  
42 Center for Fish and Wildlife, there's Migratory Subsistence  
43 Specialist and the waterfowl coordinator and the Department  
44 of Fish and Game.

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46 MS. TRUMBLE: Bob Stevens.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Two from Fish and Wildlife  
49 and one from the Department of Fish and Game, and then one  
50 migratory bird working group. What is that group? Who are

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1 they? Who are they representing? That's probably what we  
2 need to find out.

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4 MR. CRATTY: Well, I want to know why we  
5 aren't -- we weren't included.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That would probably make a  
8 difference. I mean if they're all from up around the North  
9 Slope and the Interior area, you know, they appointed Charlie  
10 Brower as chairman, then we need to find out if we can become  
11 part of this group so we can have a say so on that level, the  
12 group level.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, this has a contact,  
15 Bob Stevens, U.S. Fish and Wildlife. I wonder if Sue could  
16 check with him and find out what we could do to try to get  
17 some input on this and get some representation or something.

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19 MR. GUNDERSEN: They should have hearings in  
20 all the -- what there's 10 management units?

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22 MS. DETWILER: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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24 MR. GUNDERSEN: I think all the coastal and  
25 wetland areas, they all should be heard from.

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27 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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29 MR. GUNDERSEN: Because then all the people,  
30 all the user groups in those areas will be effected by it.  
31 It'll take in the whole coastal line and all Western Alaska  
32 all the way down the Peninsula and Kodiak here.

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34 MS. DETWILER: Yeah.

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36 MR. GUNDERSEN: There's several species that  
37 are just in-state species. Birds that do not migrate. And  
38 we addressed that before, too, and we never really got an  
39 answer.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The working group must, Mr.  
42 Chairman, is consistent of the non-profit organizations of  
43 the region.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: This is kind of, you know,  
46 they've got the non-profits, but boy that's -- and I don't  
47 mean anything against -- but sometime we don't get  
48 represented in the Eastern Aleutians, I don't know how you  
49 guys do on the Western Aleutians on some of our concerns as  
50 opposed to the other side. And a lot of times I think we're

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1 more effected by some of this stuff than the other way. We  
2 need to check and try to get somebody from our region  
3 appointed to this -- that Board?

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5 MR. CRATTY: I think somebody from the  
6 Council.

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8 MR. GUNDERSEN: The Council would probably be  
9 better suited for that position.

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11 MR. CRATTY: I think that's a big issue  
12 that's coming ahead of us.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, there's a  
15 recommendation in here that, you know, make up of this  
16 working group could be represented by the Federal Subsistence  
17 Advisory Council members or voted in by this body. I think  
18 that's the way we should go and contact this guy here.  
19 There's a contact name in here someplace.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Are you talking about Bob  
22 Stevens?

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: What would be acceptable  
27 then, to have a letter drafted to request participation from  
28 this Council?

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30 MR. CRATTY: Yes, I think we should.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd make a  
33 motion that a letter be written supporting the representation  
34 of all the Federal Subsistence Advisory Groups be that group  
35 -- that Native Migratory Bird Working Group, that way we  
36 intend all 10 regions and we get the information. Whereas,  
37 if we go at it saying we want individual subgroups within  
38 that to be a membership, we're not going to hear anything.

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: There's a motion on the  
43 floor.

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45 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Discussion. My question is,  
48 do we request all of the Councils or do we speak for our own  
49 Council?

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We should request ours and  
2 say we would support all the Advisory Councils to be  
3 representatives of this working group?

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: And maybe copy all the  
6 Councils.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Copy this so-called group  
9 that they represent?

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Because I certainly feel  
12 very much that our non-profits don't seem to make any  
13 headway. It always seems to be very stagnant, and that's  
14 what I have observed in watching the non-profits.

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: I think it's the area. Because  
17 you're specifically working on one area where the non-profits  
18 do cover a lot of areas and sometimes that can get a little  
19 bit too much.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Well, our non-profit  
22 it doesn't -- it only covers our -- it doesn't even cover as  
23 much as our region here though, of the Council.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a feeling that why  
26 they got involved is grant money available to form this and  
27 so.....

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29 MS. TRUMBLE: They probably asked them to  
30 appoint someone.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....99 percent of the time  
33 they're not going to get any money out to do any studies,  
34 they're going to have more meetings than studies and we're  
35 not going to get anything done. Whereas, we're more  
36 proactive.

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38 Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's been called. All  
41 those in favor signify by aye.

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43 IN UNISON: Aye.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same.

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47 (No opposing responses)

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries. By the  
50 smell of things and by the word I got, lunch is ready.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here, here.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So we'll take five for  
4 lunch.

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6 (Off record - 1:07 p.m.)

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8 (On record - 1:49 p.m.)

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We'll call this meeting back  
11 to order. We left off under new business, to which the first  
12 we have is the annual report. I guess Cliff, you're going to  
13 highlight us on that.

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15 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you  
16 look under Tab V. I spoke with Mark on the phone about this  
17 briefly. The last time the Council submitted, this was the  
18 1996 annual report. And if you look under -- when I spoke  
19 with Mark initially on the phone he asked is it mandatory for  
20 us or will the Council be penalized if we don't submit a  
21 report? Yesterday, for some of you who still have with you  
22 under the operations manual, and if you look under Section,  
23 Local and Regional Participation under Title VIII of ANILCA,  
24 you can look under Section .805, in part D. It says that the  
25 preparation of an annual report to the Secretary which shall  
26 contain an identification of current and anticipated  
27 subsistence uses of fish and wildlife populations within the  
28 region, an evaluation of current and anticipated subsistence  
29 needs of fish and wildlife populations within the region.  
30 Number 3, a recommended strategy for the management of fish  
31 and wildlife population within the region to accommodate  
32 subsistence uses and needs, and four, recommendations  
33 concerning policies, standards, guidelines and regulations to  
34 implement the strategies. The State Fish and Game Advisory  
35 Committees are such local advisory committees as the  
36 Secretary may establish pursuant to paragraph two of this  
37 subsection may provide to and assist the Regional Advisory  
38 Council in carrying out the functions set forth in this  
39 paragraph.

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41 So that was -- you know, Mark asked some questions in  
42 regards to the annual report. And if you go back to Tab V, I  
43 just wanted to highlight some of the issues at the last  
44 meeting, I believe this was in Sand Point, when we were in  
45 Sand Point, the Council brought up migratory birds, the  
46 Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd, elk C&T, fisheries  
47 and then there at the bottom here there was a letter that  
48 Mark had submitted on behalf of the Council that was sent to  
49 the Secretary of the Interior.

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1 And naturally, the annual report goes through a  
2 process, you know, the Council identified at this meeting  
3 back in October of '96 -- yeah, October of '96 at Sand Point,  
4 these issues were brought up and the report was finalized and  
5 it was submitted. The Staff Committee reviewed those and  
6 then in June or July, I believe of that year the Federal  
7 Subsistence Board addressed the issues. And the following  
8 winter, these were mailed out to the Refuge, fisheries, we  
9 didn't get a response on the bottom. Migratory birds, there  
10 was a letter sent by Tom Eley, who's head of Refuges with  
11 Fish and Wildlife Service, and as Sue alluded to earlier this  
12 morning, that birds are out of the purview of the Federal  
13 Subsistence Program. And I recall Tom sending a letter to  
14 the Council that I forwarded on to Mark.

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16 So I guess the upshot of this, I guess, Mark wanted  
17 some questions asked to, you know, what does an annual report  
18 do? Is the Council -- or would the Council be penalized if  
19 they didn't submit one and hopefully those answered your  
20 questions. And at the last meeting we had in Anchorage, the  
21 Council didn't submit any recommendations or motions that I  
22 identified in the minutes or that I recall in the motions  
23 that were made in regards to any issues the Council has that  
24 should be taken up. It's still not too late because I could  
25 leave here -- when we leave, if the Council has concerns on  
26 issues or with the Board or any issue regarding subsistence,  
27 I would go back to the office and draw up the annual report  
28 and submit it to the Council and send it to Mark for review  
29 and confirmation. The upcoming year when the Board addresses  
30 annual reports those would then be addressed by the Board.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess in asking the  
33 questions, I recall getting very little response back in the  
34 beginning years and it's kind of stayed the same as to a lot  
35 of our concerns, that I didn't feel they were being answered,  
36 and therefore, I question what the validity or necessity of  
37 our annual report. How do we accept it or not accept it or  
38 is it just a process that goes along? Any ideas?

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think we should make a  
41 report to the Council and we should outline our concerns  
42 regarding the caribou on the Peninsula, with regard to a  
43 state wide hunt, opening it up state wide; that we're  
44 concerned that until those things are taking care of  
45 regarding the sustainable yield that we should oppose the state  
46 wide opening under the State regulations. Fisheries and how  
47 that will effect our Advisory Committee and how we are going  
48 to be involved in relation to the appointment to develop a  
49 plan for fisheries. I think that's a concern we had earlier  
50 today. And the other one we had to report to the Federal



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1 Board is, you know, we're trying to get in line with regards  
2 to the State hunting on the elk issue, but we would like to  
3 retain the subsistence hunting priority if and when a drawing  
4 system is put into effect by the State. That should be  
5 brought up. Also the Buskin River subdivision or subarea in  
6 regards to subsistence and how that effects the subsistence  
7 users in the Kodiak area. I think those are things they need  
8 to know, that we'd like to -- I know we haven't discussed  
9 this or made a motion because I think it was inadvertently  
10 passed over was the increase of the allocation of the caribou  
11 herd on the Peninsula from the 159 to 10 percent of the total  
12 count for subsistence hunt. I think we need to address that  
13 as a motion. We mentioned it and then went over it.

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15 Those things need to be brought to the attention of  
16 the Council that we are acting, that we are being -- if we  
17 don't make a report they'll assume we are not being active in  
18 our areas. We haven't made one since '96, I think that was  
19 the last year, '96 or '97?

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21 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct, '96.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: '96.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: This is.....

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So this would be for '97,  
28 right, coming up?

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: No, this would be for '98.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: '98, okay. So we did do a  
33 lot of things in the last year and a half. And I think we  
34 ought to bring those to the attention of the Council and put  
35 them in a report form. We did expand our Board from seven to  
36 nine. I think that ought to be brought to their attention.  
37 I would move all those above be addressed in a letter to the  
38 Council along with their annual audit or whatever. Costs  
39 that we have to report.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: How would we inject there  
42 the oversight on the migratory bird?

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, well, I think that  
45 that's another one that we have to include the migratory bird  
46 issue. That we support the.....

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: What about black elk.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....advisory councils as

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1 being the migratory bird group, advisory group rather than  
2 having it come from one social entity. Because it does  
3 effect us on a seasonal basis, even though we're not involved  
4 with the summer, egg picking and the small bird that they  
5 have up there.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Vince. Is there  
8 any other concerns that we feel need to be in this report?

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I agree with Vince 100  
11 percent. I really feel there should be a report.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I made a motion by the way to  
14 include all those points.....

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll second it.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....above to put in a  
19 report. Cliff's noting them.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded.  
22 Discussion. Ivan.

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24 MR. LUKIN: Well, you know, to get back to  
25 this issue of that Buskin, you know, it's just a matter of  
26 time before more areas are going to have that same problem.  
27 So I feel that we ought to go back -- go into grandfather  
28 rights or something like that when we're talking about this  
29 here. We ought to take some of that history and put it down  
30 as who we are.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Traditional knowledge.

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34 MR. LUKIN: Yeah, right. Yeah. Take that  
35 and offer that to them. What else do we got to do, I mean,  
36 we're going to get back into -- stay right in with this paper  
37 shuffle here and the same old garbage that carries on year  
38 after year in these meetings. It's ridiculous. It seems to  
39 me that headway is so slow it's silly. I mean, you know,  
40 life goes on we got to -- we continue to depend on these  
41 resources and our grandfathers and people before us, that's  
42 what they did. That's all they had. You know, if we don't  
43 stick with what we had, we're screwed.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I agree. I think we should  
46 document all these and put them in a form of C&T in all areas  
47 of our subsistence use rather than just target certain areas.  
48 I mean there are some communities that only utilize a certain  
49 species but it doesn't cover all of Kodiak or all of the  
50 Aleutians but that certain community uses it and they should

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1 be protected, you know. We should document those.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess when I looked at the  
4 absence of response to what the Council has done in the  
5 previous year to put in our report, it gave me the feeling  
6 that it was falling on dead ears. So I guess my intent was  
7 to try to get some source of what do we put in it? What is  
8 it going to contain? How specific do we want to get? What  
9 is this annual report and what do we expect of this annual  
10 report? What's the meat to it?

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think what this is is --  
13 because it's read into the open forum on the Council and all  
14 the Councils are represented at these Council meetings, they  
15 may have the same concern as we do. And unless we bring them  
16 forward and starting getting support groups of other reasons,  
17 we as a Native population are going to lose a lot of things  
18 because we didn't group together and stand by it or make it  
19 known that we had these concerns. And I think that's an  
20 avenue to bring it out to the Department of Fish and Game,  
21 the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management,  
22 those people who are on this Council that we don't ordinarily  
23 see but once a year. And I think they ought to know what our  
24 concerns are.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Absolutely. I guess, I'm  
27 looking for some kind of words to help to get them to  
28 respond.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: I think, Mark, I think  
31 sometimes when we look to try to get a response we want, we  
32 don't necessarily get it. But to keep trying and continuing  
33 an effort, you know, I think documents our efforts, but at  
34 some point in time maybe it falls in the right place, you  
35 know, we just don't know. But to not try is one thing, but  
36 to continue and hope for the best is another thing.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly it was never my  
39 intent to not have an annual report but when the meetings  
40 have already come and gone and so much time has lapsed in  
41 between, then I'm the one that's asked about this annual  
42 report. Well, I'm coming back to the Council and this is the  
43 kind of feedback I need because usually when it's due or  
44 needs to go in, everybody's gone fishing or gone their own  
45 ways and I don't like to put my thoughts on the paper because  
46 then the Council documents those. So that's kind of where  
47 I'm coming from. However, if you folks, when the time comes,  
48 to let me know other concerns that we might have overlooked.

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50 MR. CRATTY: But you, as elected as the

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1 Chair, I think that's part of your -- that's why you're  
2 there.

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4 MS. TRUMBLE: An overview of the last year.  
5 What have we done, what have we implemented, what has  
6 happened, I mean what's the result of some of this? I mean,  
7 you know, the caribou and some of the other issues have gone  
8 quite a ways in some of it, and really in a short time, you  
9 know. It was tough getting started and in the beginning, but  
10 once the process went and started it went.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: When's the deadline.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think Vince was first and  
15 then.....

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, I didn't have anything.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Vince.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I was going to ask Cliff when  
22 the deadline for the annual report was due to make it to the  
23 -- is that March 20 something?

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: No, what will happen is when I  
26 go back to the office with the issues that Vince has laid  
27 out, prepare an annual report and, you know, after my last  
28 meeting when I get back from the other region, I'll prepare a  
29 draft report for review by Mark and I'll fax or send copies  
30 to the other members. I know Pete has a fax number he's  
31 given me. Della. Vince. Paul -- Paul has e-mail. And  
32 maybe I can just ask Pete to give a copy to Ivan. But that's  
33 what I've tried to do in the past is -- and of course, I've  
34 faxed copies to Mark. And when I do that I ask for comments  
35 on the format and on how I've put that together and anything  
36 else I may have omitted or else comments or suggestions you  
37 want to include. And once that is done then the Federal  
38 Subsistence Board, not at its May meeting, but after May, I  
39 think it's in June or -- this past year we did the annual  
40 reports and charters and what was the other -- some  
41 nominations, they were all rolled together and the Board  
42 addressed that in -- was it June?

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44 MS. DETWILER: Somewhere around there.

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: It was in June and July that  
47 the Board met and addressed these issues.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It says May through September  
50 is when they review the recommendations or annual reports and

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1 also applications for the Advisory Councils.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Pete.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I would think that you  
6 would get a lot of your information for your annual report  
7 from the recording of the meeting and take stuff from that.  
8 That's where everything comes up, at the meetings, and she  
9 records it. It would make it a lot easier for you.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly just wondering how  
12 much meat we wanted to go into on these different issues.  
13 Certainly, I don't know. I feel a shorter report and to the  
14 point is sometimes better, but I think it's been kind of just  
15 neglected at this point and I'm trying to find some energy  
16 where we're going to get a good answer anyway, whether we  
17 like it or not.

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19 Vince.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You know, when you write this  
22 report, I think you ought to have two categories, those that  
23 we support and moved on in regards to proposals and those  
24 that we oppose and would like -- you know, let them know that  
25 we are opposed to those regulations that are being adopted.  
26 I think those are what the key issues that we're here to do,  
27 is to try and enforce the subsistence rules and also expand  
28 them if necessary or shorten them based on an emergency  
29 order. And you know, I think in our area we had two  
30 emergency -- one emergency closure and one emergency opening,  
31 one in Kodiak and one on the Peninsula since this report was  
32 written. And we ought to say, was it successful, yes or no,  
33 on both of them. And let them know that we are trying to  
34 manage in a prudent manner that's good for the species and  
35 we're not -- because necessarily want to go out and hunt,  
36 there's reasons for it.

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: It gives a sense of progress,  
39 too, you know. We all come to these meetings and you know,  
40 we are doing, I think -- and I know since I've gotten on  
41 here, I think I've learned a lot and the people in the region  
42 are starting to learn more. And the lines of communication  
43 are a little more open than they were a few years -- four or  
44 five years ago. But it is progress in a sense, and that  
45 should be -- you know, that's a positive thing.

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47 MR. GUNDERSEN: I think it will open up other  
48 lines of communications with the other groups in the state,  
49 too, that have things of common interest. And you know,  
50 instead of bearing the brunt and trying to figure something

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1 from start to finish, maybe there's some of these other  
2 projects and stuff that they've done a lot of ground work and  
3 we'd be able to benefit by and, they, by the similar that  
4 we've done. So I think it should be documented and reported.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And then maybe by having  
7 these faxed to the individual Council members here, what I  
8 would like to see is the draft sent out so we get full input  
9 then. You know, just.....

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Present it as it is after you  
12 get our comments.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Cliff.

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, Mr. Chair, some other  
17 additional comments. I'm not sure if you were at the one  
18 meeting that we had at the Golden Lion, but the Chairs -- you  
19 know, all the Chairs of the Regional Councils met there and  
20 discussed -- roundtabled with issues of this very nature.  
21 And then the following day the Chairs met with Mitch and  
22 Staff support. And I recall this one issue coming up, the  
23 annual report. Because, you know, my discussions with some  
24 of the other coordinators who cover the other regions, you  
25 know, additional Councils have the same feelings. Does the  
26 annual report really accomplish much?

27  
28 And additional comments that were brought up were  
29 that, you know, the question that you asked, well, how much  
30 -- you know, the analysis of these issues that Vince raises.  
31 I've seen annual reports from different regions that were on  
32 one issue they covered two pages. And I don't know if you  
33 were at that meeting they addressed the annual reports and  
34 Mitch was there and Mitch gave his best faith effort, you  
35 know, that he would -- he sits down and reads these, and when  
36 the Staff would respond to those concerns, that he, indeed,  
37 is reading those. And some of the issues the Board just  
38 doesn't have the purview of some of the resource issues. And  
39 so this upcoming year again is the -- the Chairs will meet  
40 again, and I would assume -- and I'm not sure if the -- you  
41 know, if Mitch is going to have a similar meeting like they  
42 have had the last two years and maybe Sue knows that in the  
43 scheduling of the Board -- are they going to do the same  
44 thing?

45  
46 MS. DETWILER: Yeah, they are planning on  
47 having a meeting with the Regional Council Chairs the morning  
48 of the spring meeting this year and that's going to be on May  
49 the 5th.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: May the 5th.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: So that's always an  
4 opportunity.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: When?

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: May 5th.

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10 MS. DETWILER: May 3rd. The 3rd to the 5th  
11 is when the meeting -- it's on the Monday of that week.

12  
13 MR. EDENSHAW: And so that's always another  
14 opportunity for you when you have to draft the annual report  
15 and ask, well, how has the Board responded to other issues  
16 that -- maybe not only this Councils but that other Councils  
17 have submitted and what kind of a response has the Board  
18 given those Councils.

19  
20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: In reading the guidelines,  
21 Mr. Chair, the annual report, it's to the Secretary. So it's  
22 going through the process, it's flowing through the State  
23 Regional Advisory Council and it's going to the Secretary and  
24 it identifies the current and anticipated uses. Evaluations  
25 of this process, whether we think it's good, bad or whatever.  
26 And recommendations for a strategy for the future, how we  
27 continue to operate. And recommendations concerning the  
28 policies and staffing. You know, we got to make  
29 recommendations as part of the annual report that, is our  
30 Staff doing what we are asking them to do? Are they being  
31 directed in the right direction? All those, you know, I  
32 think in the last year and a half, we could draw through our  
33 notes at the last two or three meetings that we have been and  
34 say -- you know, I brought this up a year ago and we're still  
35 debating the issue so that tells me it hasn't gone beyond our  
36 Staff or we've come to -- we haven't gotten the information  
37 to make a decision.

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39 I think all those kinds of things are in the annual  
40 report to help us do a better job. That's what it's about.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe I can only recall  
43 getting one response on the annual report. But I don't know  
44 about the other Council members, if they receive a copy and I  
45 would like to request at this point, Cliff, should we get a  
46 response I would like it to be faxed or mailed out to each  
47 Council member so they know.....

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....what the answer are.

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3 MR. CRATTY: I think that would be good.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think on your report you  
6 should say it was sent out and like to myself, I had no  
7 comments, no response or whatever, note it on the report. It  
8 makes us all more having to respond, whether yes or no, I  
9 like this or don't like it.

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11 MS. TRUMBLE: A deadline on the time frame of  
12 what our responses are.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It makes you more  
15 accountable.

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17 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And one thing I noticed is  
20 there's no date on this letter.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: On this draft?

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On this original letter here  
25 there is no date.

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27 MR. EDENSHAW: That's just because I copied  
28 it from my computer. When we send out the original they date  
29 stamp it.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is your computer Y2K?

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: Pardon?

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is your computer Y2K?

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: Isn't there a motion?

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're still on discussion on  
40 the motion?

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I had a motion on the  
43 floor. Question.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's been called. All  
46 those in favor say aye.

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48 IN UNISON: Aye.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same



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1 sign.

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3 (No opposing responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion passes. Which takes  
6 us to the next item on the agenda, nominations, Tab W.

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8 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Della.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: I was going to make a motion  
13 that the Board support the appointment of the Kodiak Aleutian  
14 Federal Subsistence Advisory Council seats, Al Cratty and  
15 Vincent Tutiakoff.

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17 MR. LUKIN: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded.  
20 Discussion.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We have a vacancy and I would  
23 make a friendly amendment to appoint Ivan as we support him  
24 to be supported.

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26 MR. CRATTY: Seconded.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded.  
31 Question is called. All those in favor say aye.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed same sign.

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37 (No opposing responses)

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries. I don't  
40 believe we've ever had the opportunity to be involved in the  
41 seats. I know it has made some progress. I know that the  
42 Council has discussed this in the past to at least have a  
43 voice on the appointments to the Council. Now, I see here  
44 these nominations, I'm just -- I wasn't aware of the change,  
45 if you will, Cliff, that -- are we getting more of a voice as  
46 to supporting Council members or is it still Mr. Babbitt just  
47 draws one out of the hat?

48  
49 Vince.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think that it gives  
2 credibility to the Advisory Councils that, number 1, they're  
3 identifying people within their community groups that are  
4 willing to sit on this Board and go through the hard work of  
5 reviewing and making recommendations whereas he sits in  
6 Washington, D.C., and has no idea of how many reindeer or how  
7 many elk or whatever on the islands, he's going to leave that  
8 to the people recommendation. I think that's what he's  
9 moving towards in the speech that he made in regards to  
10 Federal subsistence fisheries takeover. He wants to make it  
11 more of a local appointment type thing, I think that's where  
12 we're headed.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, I've always believed  
15 that it was crucial just to know the character of those that  
16 are applying. Certainly in the past days we've had  
17 characters with abuse and things of this nature and that's  
18 the only point I'm trying to get around is that, I think all  
19 of us have met at some time or another in our lives and truly  
20 know and have a feel for people who can take this  
21 responsibility. So that was my intent of hoping that we have  
22 a voice in who the Secretary appoints.

23  
24 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, on the nominations,  
25 it's always been -- the Council has always been at liberty to  
26 make recommendations through motions for supporting a  
27 candidate who has applied to the Council. And when Robert  
28 Stovall, who has handled many of these on the Kodiak Island  
29 side and now, Rick Poetter, here who's going to get involved  
30 for the Aleutians, you know, they go through the process of  
31 interviewing the candidates, key contacts and references that  
32 the individuals put on their applications. And in the past  
33 those types of recommendations, whether they're from the  
34 Council or from IRAs or Native corporations or city and  
35 borough offices who have sent in letters of recommendation  
36 supporting these candidates, those always -- those all carry  
37 weight in the appointment of an individual to the Councils.  
38 So the Councils have always had the information to know who's  
39 applied to the Councils and they've always been at liberty to  
40 make recommendations supporting those candidates who have  
41 applied.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Cliff.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I feel the Board  
46 should be involved in that because one of my reasons is I  
47 asked a couple of people that I put on as references and they  
48 never got a call.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Um. Everybody knows Pete

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1 is.....

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So my references -- but, you  
4 know, I mean maybe they weren't in when they tried to call  
5 them or whatever, so I don't think that did any good putting  
6 the references on.

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, in  
9 response to Pete's -- you know, after the nominations, the  
10 selections have been forwarded to the Board and to the  
11 Secretaries, you know, I've gone through the applications and  
12 the interview forms when Robert and, last year, when Greg and  
13 Ray Portwood handled the nominations. Normally, Robert would  
14 put down in references, wasn't able to get a hold of and left  
15 messages.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I see.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: So that's likely the case.  
20 And I could always do some homework and go back into my  
21 notebook where I have the nominations because Robert's been  
22 involved in the process for the last four or five years in  
23 nominations, I believe, at least, almost the three years I've  
24 been here and I'm not sure how long he was here prior to  
25 that. So Robert is pretty trustworthy in doing his homework  
26 for the region here.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I had Larry Malloy on  
29 there and I thought he'd be pretty easy to get a hold of in  
30 Kodiak, you know, he's always there.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's too easy.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Too easy.

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36 MR. CRATTY: I got a question for Cliff, who  
37 else is on there that's not going to -- you said there was  
38 one more?

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Vincent.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You and I and a vacant seat.

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44 MS. TRUMBLE: A vacant seat.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: There's three seats open.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So we need.....

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50 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, but somebody was resigning

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1 or.....

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Reft.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Reft is a vacant seat.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, that's.....

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9 MR. CRATTY: Oh, okay.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Reft resigned, he's the  
12 vacant seat.

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14 MR. CRATTY: Oh, okay, so Ivan.....

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's why Ivan is an  
17 alternate.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Alternate for Reft. So all  
20 we're saying is we support him to be on the Council rather  
21 than an alternate.

22  
23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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25 MR. CRATTY: And then we'll still need an  
26 alternate?

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's appointed by your  
29 group, the Kodiak group. And you can do that by  
30 recommendations to Cliff, right?

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: That would just sift through.  
33 You know, if they.....

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, applications.

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37 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, if they went through the  
38 applications and they identify -- let's say it came down to  
39 that they identified that Vince and Al were incumbents to be  
40 reappointed and they selected Ivan, then the individuals --  
41 they go through a ranking process, and the individual on  
42 there, they would have to be from Kodiak. That would be one  
43 stipulation because your charter stipulates that you must  
44 have one -- the alternate from Kodiak. So that individual in  
45 the list of applicants would likely be selected as an  
46 alternate.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I see.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I understand.

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1 MR. LUKIN: Question?

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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7 MR. LUKIN: On the back of this application  
8 here, you were just talking about these references, and the  
9 Council -- when we go to that, can we use members from the  
10 Council for references then?

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Shakes head affirmatively.

13  
14 MR. LUKIN: We could?

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Shakes head affirmatively.

17  
18 MR. LUKIN: Okay.

19  
20 MR. CRATTY: You've got all of our  
21 references, we're putting in a letter in for you.

22  
23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Anything else under  
24 nominations?

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26 MR. GUNDERSEN: Well, these nominations can  
27 come from the community or some individual could submit them  
28 on their own and whatever, too, right?

29  
30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

31  
32 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.

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34 MR. GUNDERSEN: Okay. I was just wondering.

35  
36 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.

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38 MR. GUNDERSEN: I wanted to get that clear.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Originally, the initial  
41 Board, for your history a little bit, was appointed -- they  
42 were appointed or recommended by the tribal council and  
43 that's how the initial Board was made up. But now it's --  
44 we've become more familiar to them as to what our job is, a  
45 community or individual can appoint themselves or recommend  
46 somebody else.

47  
48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Or you can just fill out an  
49 application if you wish to -- without an appointment. Okay,  
50 nothing else under nominations? Okay, I guess that concludes

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1 any other new business. Is there any -- yes, Vince.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: As I mentioned earlier, I'd  
4 like to make a motion to -- I don't know how to necessarily  
5 word it but we had a 150 limit -- maybe you can bring that --  
6 on the Peninsula. And originally there was a 10 percent of  
7 the total count to go towards subsistence users rather -- and  
8 we dropped that back, I don't know, a year and a half ago, in  
9 Kodiak, where we said, okay, on the recommendation of Staff  
10 that we would go to 25/25/25 plus 25 for -- and came up to  
11 some number, 150 rather than 10 percent of the total, it was  
12 too high?

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Initially it was 100 and then  
15 it increased to 100 plus the 50 last year.

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17 MR. WILLIS: What we said was we didn't think  
18 last year the population was healthy enough to go the full 10  
19 percent.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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23 MR. WILLIS: That was before we got the data  
24 on the calves and the bull/cow ratio and so forth. And so we  
25 set a quota in two stages. We said, well, this year 100 -- I  
26 think it was 100 permits or it may have been 120 initially,  
27 I've forgotten.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A hundred and 20 and then 30  
30 later.

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32 MR. WILLIS: Yeah. And then if we got good  
33 calves, good bull/cow counts in the fall we would issue some  
34 additional permits which we did. Under the State season  
35 there would be no quota obviously. They don't anticipate  
36 harvesting a significant number of animals to go over, say 10  
37 percent.

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39 If you want to make a motion to that effect, Vince,  
40 certainly you can do that. I'm not sure exactly how to  
41 handle it myself. We don't know if we're going to have a  
42 Federal hunt and we want to see what the State's going to do  
43 and then kind of work from there and do it this summer if we  
44 have to. If we have to create another Federal season, then  
45 we can do it this summer through special action. That might  
46 be the time to look at.....

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48 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, if we were to go ahead  
49 and change that to adopt -- approve the 10 percent, and given  
50 the survey that hopefully will get completed before the State

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1 meeting, and take into consideration what the State does, if  
2 it's necessary to have to fall back to the Federal, we'll  
3 have this motion in place, right? I mean does it make sense  
4 to do it that way?

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, I think what he's saying  
7 is that we have on the May schedule an ability to raise it to  
8 the 10 percent level under the direction and guidelines?

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10 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On the special request --  
13 maybe I am jumping it a little bit but I wanted to put it on  
14 record that we are considering.....

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: And supporting.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....and support the 10  
19 percent rather than the allocation of so many animals per  
20 community.

21

22 MR. WILLIS: What you could do then would be  
23 to make a motion that if we do have a Federal hunt this fall,  
24 that we use a 10 percent allocation rather than a specific  
25 number.

26

27 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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31 MR. WILLIS: Or rather than -- well, actually  
32 we were using a percentage, you know, before or a range, but  
33 yeah, you could make a motion to that effect.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I so move.

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37 MR. WILLIS: And then that will go forward if  
38 we do have a special session this summer to create a Federal  
39 we'll have that in hand.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I so move, Mr. Chair.

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: Second.

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45 MR. CRATTY: Call the question.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: All those in favor say aye.

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Opposed.

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3 (No opposing responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Done.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Now, you can ask what we just  
8 did.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's the new business.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We just raised the -- lowered  
13 that 25 to 10 percent.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Time and place of next  
18 meeting.

19  
20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: If there is no other new  
21 business. Any other old business? Time and place of next  
22 meeting.

23  
24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I wrote out a -- I  
25 didn't know she was going to make copies of this but I  
26 blanked out October 12th through the 23rd because I won't be  
27 available through the 12th through the 23rd because of our  
28 Board meeting and AFN. So I wrote that in, I didn't realize  
29 you were going to copy this. But it's there for your  
30 information that I will not be available during those  
31 periods.

32  
33 MR. WILLIS: As I mentioned earlier, this is  
34 the first year that this window has been shifted, actually  
35 three weeks later in the fall. So now there's two weeks  
36 after AFN, that's kind of been the cut off, you know, in the  
37 past, to not interfere with AFN, and we hadn't gone beyond  
38 that. But now there's two weeks after that to consider now  
39 if you wanted to have your window later in the meeting and  
40 after AFN.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The window closes on November  
43 5th so you need to have it by that date?

44  
45 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, right.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: I've got a question. Somewhere  
50 in this material I was reading I was looking at -- I guess



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1 maybe one thing was it may be best to select where we're  
2 going to have the meeting first and then look at the window.  
3 Because location has some bearing on the time.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes, travel.

6  
7 MS. TRUMBLE: And somewhere -- I mean is that  
8 feasible or is it just cost? Can we like have this meeting  
9 like out in Adak?

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We can always request it.

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13 MR. WILLIS: You can suggest it. You know,  
14 the cost is prohibitive to get to Adak.....

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, Reeves can give you a  
17 package deal.

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19 MR. WILLIS: .....for everybody.

20  
21 MS. TRUMBLE: Reeves does give out package  
22 deals. It's something we can look into.

23  
24 MR. GUNDERSEN: Well, the public really can't  
25 get in there.....

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would say that.....

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29 MR. GUNDERSEN: .....to testify or do  
30 whatever they wanted to do, too, so.....

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32 MR. WILLIS: We've had some bad experiences  
33 trying to have meetings in remote places. And you know, the  
34 weather is one thing and just the expense of getting there is  
35 another thing. We've had very little public turnout,  
36 unfortunately, at most of these meetings. Unless there was  
37 some really contentious issue, you know, in that area that  
38 brought.....

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Caribou.

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42 MR. WILLIS: Caribou.....

43  
44 MR. GUNDERSEN: That was a good one down in  
45 Cold Bay.

46  
47 MR. WILLIS: On the other hand we went to  
48 Nelson Lagoon that year and the only person from the public  
49 that showed up was the taxi driver that took us out to the  
50 meeting hall and he stayed so he could take us back to lunch.

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1 So there's been some bad experiences with that. And Adak  
2 might be pushing the edge of the envelope to.....

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4 MS. TRUMBLE: Speaking.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You know, I have to say that  
7 in Adak right now we have representatives from St. Paul, St.  
8 George, Sand Point, King Cove, Unalaska, Akutan -- I don't  
9 know if anybody from Nelson Lagoon is out there. We do have  
10 families out there and they're working there. They're year-  
11 round and they still have the concerns of the Aleutians about  
12 in their communities because they're very recent transportees  
13 to Adak. A lot of them are trying to figure out through the  
14 experience of their work or the contract whether they're  
15 going to be full-time residents at Adak. We've got 90  
16 registered voters in Adak on our last elections. We do have  
17 a community council -- association. And we are applying for  
18 a second class city so there is representation from that --  
19 from our region in Adak. And about every time we do hold a  
20 meeting out there -- we've held two meetings out there  
21 through the Aleut Board and through the Adak Corporation,  
22 we've had close to 60/70 people attend because they want to  
23 know how and what's happening in their region.

24  
25 And I think that the argument that it's remote and  
26 you're not going to get any public, I don't think that's a  
27 good argument at this time. It may have been a year and a  
28 half ago when we only had 60 or 70 people there and they  
29 weren't necessarily from our region but they are there now.  
30 I'm not defending, you guys, I'm saying there's some good  
31 reasons.

32  
33 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, you can.....

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35 MR. GUNDERSEN: No, you're educating us, we  
36 don't know what the hell's out there.

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'd just like to say, number  
41 1, I don't recall ever being rejected upon a place of a  
42 meeting. I know when this first started and we started going  
43 to rural Alaska they frowned at it then but now it's come to  
44 be the way it operates because that's the people we have to  
45 get our information and input from. I do recall at the very  
46 genesis of these meetings, people didn't know anything about  
47 what the Council was or what it represented. I remember  
48 people asking is the public invited to go to these meetings?  
49 So I don't know, sometimes I don't know if these meetings are  
50 published enough, that I feel the credibility is.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: In their publications.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: .....very near. Della.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: That was an issue I think I  
6 wanted to ask about. Just walking around the community and  
7 stuff there was a lot of questions from members in the  
8 community whether this meeting was open. And then a lot of  
9 us just kind of observed in just a few places that we didn't  
10 see signs up. Did they send signs here to be posted?

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No. I just made copies and  
13 put it down at the grocery store and the post office.

14

15 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah. Because I know in the  
16 past, in King Cove, the couple times we did have the meetings  
17 and the second time, unfortunately we weren't able to have it  
18 there in King Cove, but I think you would have had a  
19 tremendous turnout. But sending out those posters and  
20 getting them posted in enough time, I think, has helped a  
21 lot. And I don't know who's responsibility -- Cliff, were  
22 you doing -- or somebody in the Anchorage Staff was doing  
23 that and they -- you know, making the big posters and mailing  
24 them out and posting them up.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We need to be sure to have  
27 them post it that the public is invited.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I also agree on what the  
30 issue is. That makes a big difference on your public  
31 attending a meeting or not.

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33 MR. WILLIS: Another factor, and I'm just  
34 mentioning it, and I'm not the proponent, I'm the messenger  
35 here because this is what we hear at the office, you know.  
36 And it's been said often, and we've suggested meetings, I  
37 don't know if Adak has come up, but maybe in the Pribilofs  
38 and the response was there's no Federal lands, there's no  
39 Federal waters out there, we really don't have anything like  
40 an Izembek Refuge which draws us to Nelson Lagoon or King  
41 Cove or Cold Bay or our Kodiak Refuge which draws us to  
42 Kodiak. There's no Federal lands out there. And so that's  
43 another reason that gets thrown at us in the office.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: But in the same sense though,  
46 we represent them, don't we? In a sense, don't we?

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48 MR. WILLIS: True.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Isn't there.....

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1 MR. WILLIS: That's true.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, Al.

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5 MR. CRATTY: Well, we made a motion to have  
6 it in Adak and I want to go ahead and support it and see what  
7 happens and use King Cove as an alternate.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll second.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I hear a motion here for  
12 Adak, I also heard to look at a place first. I would like to  
13 at least have a date and time set so we all know what we're  
14 looking at so -- you know, it could go both ways. At least  
15 know what time frame people are available anyway, regardless  
16 of where we have it.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: Vincent, the later part of  
19 September?

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Whatever the time frame is  
22 I'm available and where at but I'm supportive of Adak.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to hold the meeting  
25 date September 27th, Monday as a travel day and the meetings  
26 to be the 28th and 29th.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At?

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At Adak with the alternate  
31 King Cove.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved.

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35 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded. Anymore  
38 discussion?

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Questions been called, those  
43 in favor signify by saying aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed.

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49 (No opposing responses)

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion carries.

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3 MR. WILLIS: That's what it says here, Vince,  
4 Alaska Maritime.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Alaska Maritime Refuge,  
7 everything from Umnak Island west.

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9 MR. GUNDERSEN: Umnak all the way out to  
10 Attu, isn't it?

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All the way out to Attu. But  
17 we do have some say. Because right now a lot of the fishing  
18 rules are being submitted by the Board of Fish and Game. I  
19 went two years ago to the Board of Fish and Game to get a  
20 subsistence fishery at Adak, Fish and Wildlife out there  
21 opposed it saying it's not allowed because of the Naval  
22 Reserve. Well, I had to educate them that the Navy's no  
23 longer there, they left the island, it's now in control of  
24 Fish and Game and we did get a subsistence fishing at Adak  
25 finally.

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I tried to rent a car, where  
28 was it, Cold Bay, I looked at that as a liability just.....

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What?

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I tried to rent an  
33 automobile and I thought something was funny when they said,  
34 oh, yeah, it's just out back there with the keys in it. I  
35 didn't have to fill no paperwork out and I finally realized  
36 what I got there and whoa.

37

38 MR. WILLIS: In connection with Adak as a  
39 meeting place, how long does it take to get there, you know,  
40 is it like a day travel? Fly to Cold Bay and can you catch a  
41 flight then on out or what?

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well.....

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: Sometimes.....

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47 MR. WILLIS: Cliff is the one that's got to  
48 submit this and.....

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50 MS. TRUMBLE: Sometimes they'll go from

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1 Anchorage to Cold Bay to Adak or sometimes they're going  
2 Anchorage/Adak/Cold Bay, so it's just -- Reeves changes their  
3 schedule so much, depending on what the season is, you have  
4 to just about.....

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6 MR. LUKIN: Five and a half hours to Attu in  
7 a C-130.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's an hour and a half to  
10 Cold Bay and an hour and a half to Adak from Cold Bay.

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12 MR. GUNDERSEN: Yes, you got direct from  
13 Anchorage to Cold Bay.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You leave at 7:00 in the  
16 morning from -- or 8:00 in the morning from Anchorage and you  
17 arrive Adak at about 11:30, we're an hour behind, we're on  
18 Hawaii time in Adak, so it's really 12:30 our time.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Four hours.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: About three hours, three and  
23 a half depending on how long they're on the ground at Cold  
24 Bay.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And there is direct flights  
27 though sometimes to Adak?

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes. Depending on what the  
30 group.....

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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So we should try and  
35 coordinate with the.....

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It depends on where the most  
38 cargo is going I'm sure.

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: You know, actually that flight  
41 does come back Adak to Cold Bay to Anchorage so if some of us  
42 had to go from Cold Bay to Anchorage and out to Adak, we'd  
43 come back to Cold Bay on the way in.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: People coming from Nelson  
46 Lagoon and that area could go to Cold Bay, pick them up on  
47 the flight going to Adak, same going back, stop in Cold Bay,  
48 you get off and then take off. You don't have to go into  
49 Anchorage.

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1 MS. MASON: On a related note, are there  
2 facilities in Adak for us all to stay at?

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Everybody could have their  
5 own house.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Adak has approximately.....

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9 MR. LUKIN: You could fit Port Lions in  
10 Adak's back pocket.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....one thousand housing  
13 units, 399 are up and using right now. And during that  
14 period of time we'll have probably about half of them, maybe  
15 a little over half will occupied so there will be rooms,  
16 housing. Enough room for two per unit.

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18 MR. WILLIS: A place to eat?

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We have a dining hall and a  
21 restaurant, it should be up and going by then.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Bowling alley.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Bowling alley.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Swimming pool.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Swimming pool, jacuzzi's  
30 whatever.

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: Also at that time the Council  
33 will likely -- the nominations will have appointed a new  
34 Council member so it's likely that, you know, if one is  
35 appointed from Kodiak, you know, like last year or was that  
36 two years ago, they chartered -- they could likely charter  
37 from Kodiak.....

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: September isn't a bad.....

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41 MR. CRATTY: No, I don't.....

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At least it.....

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have no problem with that.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You could at least keep it  
48 as a thought. I believe the time of year that we were flying  
49 that small plane it was -- between Kodiak and across to Cold  
50 Bay.....

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1 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, that was bad weather  
2 conditions, they shouldn't have even done that.

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4 MR. CRATTY: No.

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6 MR. CRATTY: The only one that enjoyed the  
7 trip was Randy Christensen because he was under the weather.

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9 MR. GUNDERSEN: No, I think he was over the  
10 top of it.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to adjourn.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Oh, let me.....

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Della.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: I just kind of wanted to thank  
19 the Staff, Rachel, Cliff and some of the work you've been  
20 putting in for the C&T, you know, calling people and the  
21 efforts that are being put into it. I know some of our --  
22 quite a bit of our area doesn't have a lot of C&T documenting  
23 and it does, I'm sure it's going to help us down the line.  
24 So thanks. And Rick, nice to meet you.

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26 MR. POETTER: My pleasure.

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28 MR. GUNDERSEN: I feel the same way.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think the whole Council  
31 does.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Meeting is adjourned.

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35 (Hearing adjourned - 2:45 p.m.)

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37 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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